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TERRIFIC LAP BURSTS.

Lap speeds of over 360 miles an hour were achieved by Squadron Leader Orlebar at Calshot yesterday, when British attempts to smash the world's air speed record were attended by brilliant success.

Twice in the course of the day the record, set by Flying Officer Waghorn in the Schneider Trophy Contest, was beaten, the final standing record being credited to Squadron Leader Orlebar with an average speed of 355.8 miles an hour.

Prior to Orlebar's magnificent effort, Flight-Lieut. Stainforth took up the Gloster-Napier machine which did not compete in the Schneider Contest, and completing five flights across the measured course returned an average speed of 336.8 miles an hour, only eight miles better than Waghorn's effort over a distance of over 200 miles.

When Orlebar went up, however, it was soon seen that records were to be smashed. He did the first lap at 368.8 miles an hour, and might have kept this up but for poor visibility.

The best foreign record is credited to Major Bernhardi (Italy) who flew at 318 m.p.h. in a Macchi.

Four Laps Average.

London, Sept. 10. It is announced that in to-day's attempts on the air speed record at Calshot, Squadron Leader Orlebar returned an average speed for four laps of 355.8 miles an hour, beating the record of the Italian, Major de Bernhardi, by over 37 miles an hour.

Flight-Lieutenant Stainforth returned an average speed of 336.3 miles an hour.

Orlebar flew the Supermarine Rolls-Royce S-6 in which Flying Officer Waghorn won the Schneider Trophy, while Stainforth flew the Gloster-Napier Six, which was specially designed for the race but which did not compete.

Unfavourable Conditions.

The conditions over the Solent were very unfavourable to high speed flying, and Squadron Leader Orlebar is confident that he can beat his own record by at least fifteen miles an hour in the same machine provided he is given the proper conditions.

The difficulty to-day was bad visibility which made the attempts not only difficult but dangerous and the pilots were hard put to it to keep a straight course.

Nevertheless, Squadron Leader Orlebar, who is the leader of the British High Speed Flight at Calshot, did the first lap at 368.8 m.p.h. and the third lap at 365.5 m.p.h.

He will, therefore, attempt to better his record at the earliest possible moment. It is probable that the attempt will be made on Thursday morning.

Stainforth was the first to make the attempt. He took the Gloster-Napier five times over the course, which was of three kilometres.

A New Engine.

Orlebar, the Supermarine Rolls-Royce S-6 having been fitted with a new engine since the Schneider Trophy Race, took her up and made four splendid flights over the course.

The results took some little time to ascertain owing to the necessity for developing films taken on a cinematograph camera recording the seaplanes passing the starting and finishing points.

Orlebar's feat is regarded by experts as a particularly brilliant one in view of the handicap imposed by the bad weather conditions. The mist often hid the machines from the spectators.

Stainforth's effort is also con-

IMPORTANT HINT BY PREMIER.

ANGLO-AMERICAN NAVAL DIFFICULTIES.

"OPTIMISTIC TO END."

London, Sept. 10. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, addressing his constituents at Seaham Harbour for the first time since his General Election triumph, ridiculed the report appearing in the *Evening Standard*, a Conservative journal, alleging that the Labour Cabinet was facing a split on something which Mr. Henderson had said at Geneva.

The Premier lengthily reviewed the Labour Party's policy. He said that the issue facing the Government at the Hague was not a mere matter of \$2,400,000, but the more important question of fair play and respect for Britain's rights.

He expressed optimism regarding the outcome of the Anglo-American naval discussions, saying that he did not think the difficulties which had arisen were going to beat men of goodwill and sincere purpose.

It ought clearly to be stated that Great Britain was not making an alliance with the United States. The American was much too wise to make a European Alliance unless in the form of an agreement to disband the Transatlantic steamship lines, including the Cunard Line and the White Star Line, from "conspiring to restrain the foreign commerce of the United States."

The President expressed very strong views regarding the disclosures and said that the fullest investigation was demanded as the use of unscrupulous propaganda to thwart the Government's naval limitation programme "is so obviously evident."

AMERICAN NAVAL "SCANDAL."

"MUST BE SIFTED TO THE BOTTOM."

HUMOUROUS SITUATION NOW POINTED OUT.

"BIG NAVY" JUDGES.

Washington, Sept. 2. President Hoover, speaking with all the authority and dignity of his great office, to-day declared that the naval scandal created by the Shearer allegations must be "sifted to the bottom."

The President expressed very strong views regarding the disclosures and said that the fullest investigation was demanded as the use of unscrupulous propaganda to thwart the Government's naval limitation programme "is so obviously evident."

Senate Committee.

Simultaneously with the announcement of President Hoover's views at the White House, the Naval Affairs Committee of the Senate decided to investigate the activities of the powerful shipbuilding companies in connexion with the Geneva Disarmament Conference of 1927, which Mr. Shearer states quite openly he helped to disrupt.

Political and diplomatic circles in Washington, however, are cynically amused at the prospect of Mr. Shearer being brought to book by the Naval Affairs Committee of the Senate.

LIDO MOTOR-BOAT SPEED RACE.

THREE NATIONS IN GREAT CONTEST.

SEGRAVE'S PROSPECT.

London, Sept. 10. Sir Henry Segrave, the world famous racing motorist, has arrived at Venice where he proposes to take part in a great motor-boat speed contest of the Lido.

He has with him two boats, the "Miss England" and the "Miss London." It was with the "Miss England" that he defeated Commodore Garwood, the American speed boat champion at Miami, Florida, early this year.

Commodore Garwood is also competing at Venice. The American has a new motorboat which is an unknown quantity, but its power is admitted to be very much greater than that of "Miss England."

The Italian boat "Italia" which has engines developing over 3,000 horse-power compared with the 950 h.p. of the "Miss England," is also an unknown quantity.

Before leaving England, Sir Henry Segrave said that the "Miss England" was of modest power compared with her rivals but she had already done speeds of more than 80 miles an hour and her cornering owing to her twin rudders was very fast. Power was not everything.

PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

HUNDRED YOUNG RECRUTS FROM ENGLAND.

London, Sept. 10.

A hundred young men, who have been recruited in London for police service in Palestine, leave to-morrow morning to take up their duties. They are going out to augment the existing Police Force.

The bulk of the men are under 25 years of age, and 75 per cent. of them have recently left the forces. The great majority have served in the Brigade of Guards.

British Wireless.

NANKING GOVERNMENT ENQUIRY.

Yunnan, Sept. 6.

The Central Government has sent a delegate to enquire into the disaster which happened in this city in July, when a part of the town was destroyed by a munition explosion. The reconstruction of the devastated area has been commenced under the care of the Central Government.

The experts are hoping for propitious weather when it is confidently expected that the record will be bettered.

Reuter and British Wireless.

NORTH ATLANTIC CARGO WAR.

REMARKABLE ACTION BY U.S. NAVIGATION CO.

BRITISH LINES SUED.

New York, Sept. 10.

An extraordinary action has been brought in the Federal Court by the United States Navigation Company, which runs a fleet of cargo steamers between New York and Europe, and which is asking for an injunction to prevent thirteen British Transatlantic steamship lines, including the Cunard Line and the White Star Line, from "conspiring to restrain the foreign commerce of the United States."

The defendant companies are to be charged under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act with coercing shippers by refusing to carry shipments at contract rates for any who give business to the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs give as an instance the case of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, which was forced last year to disregard a

MARINE ENQUIRY REHEARING.

MR. BECKS' CASE AGAIN INVESTIGATED.

PREVIOUS FINDING WAS NOT LEGAL.

THE SAME SENTENCE.

A Court of Enquiry assembled at the Harbour Office this morning to re-investigate the circumstances under which Mr. W. C. C. Becks, formerly chief officer of the s.s. Kwong Fook Cheong, missed his ship on the evening of August 2 when it sailed for Hongkong.

The defendant companies are to be charged under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act with coercing shippers by refusing to carry shipments at contract rates for any who give business to the plaintiffs.

That Court decided that Mr. Becks was guilty of an act of misconduct and his certificate was suspended for three months, but the law requires misconduct to be "gross" misconduct before a certificate can be suspended and the omission of that word, coupled with the penalty imposed, renders the finding bad in law.

This morning Mr. Becks was represented by Mr. J. T. Prior and Capt. W. Perritt (Master) conducted his own case. Evidence was re-heard and additional evidence was called for the defense, and the Court found that Mr. Becks had been guilty of "gross misconduct" and ordered that his certificate be suspended for three months.

The following were members of the Court:—President, Commander the Hon. Mr. G. F. Hole, R.N.; Lieut. Commander L. G. Addington, R.N.; (H.M.S. Tamar); Capt. G. Matthews (Mai Sang); Capt. A. Campbell (Sal. On) and Capt. A. H. Brown (Kwong Tung).

Captain Wm. Perritt, master of the Kwong Fook Cheong, said that after the vessel left Hongkong at 6.45 on the evening of August 2 (Friday), he discovered that Mr. Becks was not on board. The ship returned to Hongkong shortly after midnight on the following Sunday. During the voyage witness had to do Mr. Becks' work and he was afterwards summoned before the Marine Magistrate and fined \$15 for leaving port without a full complement of officers on board.

The complaint says that the U. S. Navigation Company carries under five per cent. of the general cargo from the North Atlantic to United Kingdom ports and the defendants are attempting to eliminate even that.

Enquiries in British shipping circles elicit the view that the action is not regarded very seriously.

It is understood that the matter will now be negotiated through official channels.

Hankow, Sept. 11. No further action has been taken by the Wuhan Municipal Authority with regard to Mr. Becks' property.

Apparently, yesterday's procedure (demolition of the roofs of the trans-sheds) was a test to see whether the firm would offer any resistance, but no resistance was forthcoming.

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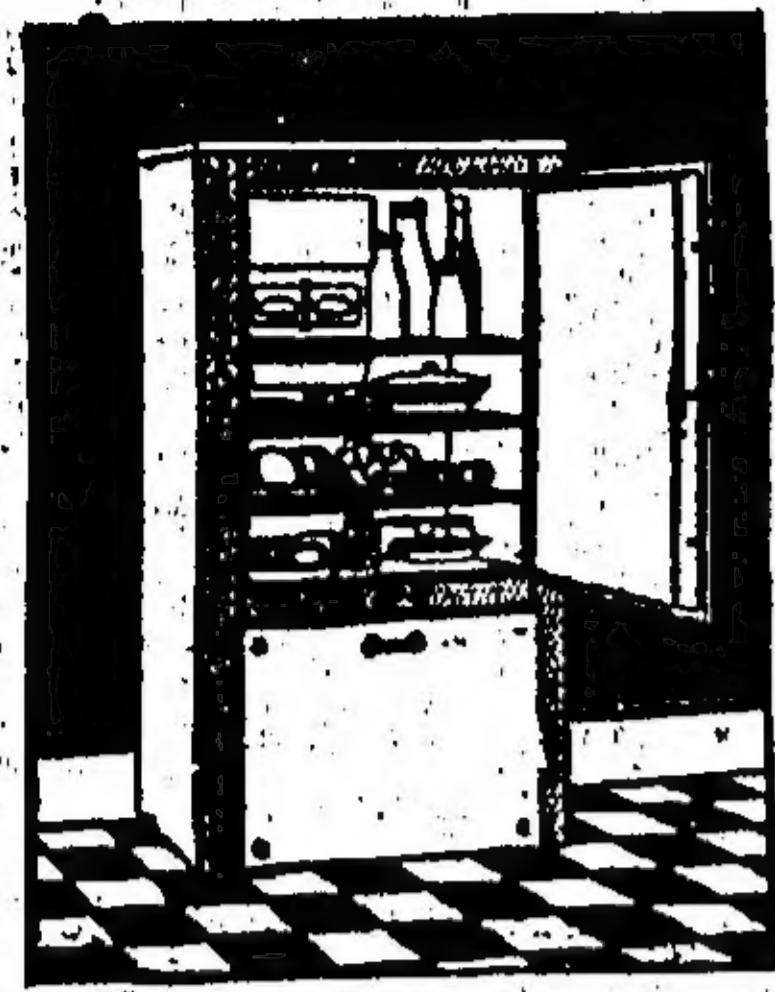
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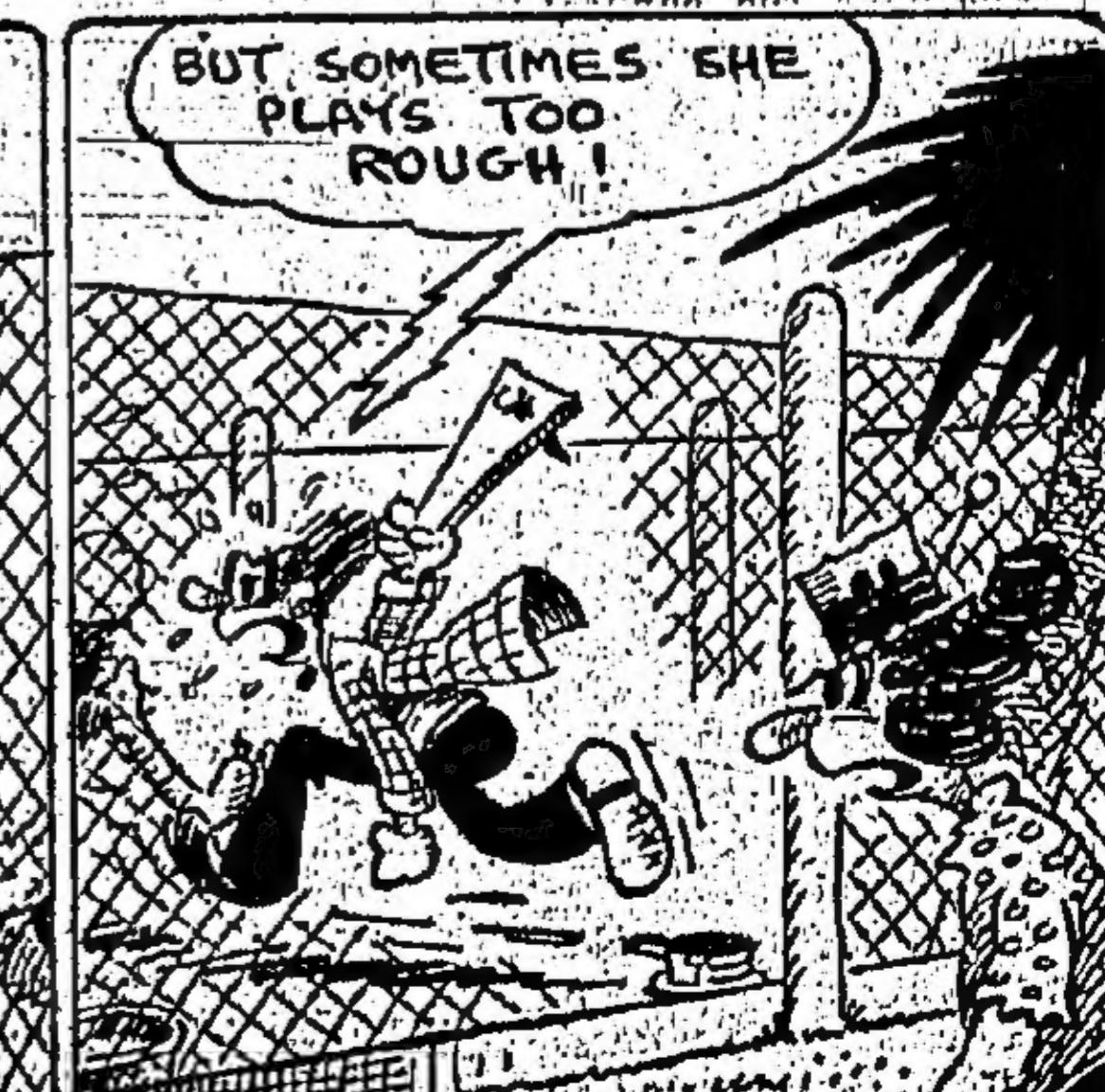
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Cupid Gets Fresh!



By Small

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Osaka, Sept. 10.
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tress, more was done to aid the unfortunate, the defective, the stricken, than had ever been attempted before. It was a century in which the kindlier feelings of men prompted in them an ever-increasing desire to help mankind in its struggle upward, to the strength of which emotion the hospitals, asylums, and various relief institutions of every city and state bear vivid testimony. We ought never to forget what the old men have done for us. Men like Handel and Wagner in the realm of music; Shakespeare and Dickens in the realm of literature; Da Vinci and Romney in the realm of art; Newton and Pasteur in the realm of science; Wilberforce, Shaftesbury, Lincoln in the realm of politics; Livingstone, Carey and Hill in the sphere of missionary enterprise—these are but a few among a host we must always respect and hold in sacred memory. And there are women, too—Florence Nightingale, Mary Stessin of Calabar, magnificent Josephine Butler, whose centenary we lately celebrated. These and many like them have handed on to the race a priceless treasure of inheritance.

All Not Well.

One of the most dangerous philosophies of life I know is summed up in the words: "God's in His heaven, All's well with the world." God is in heaven but we know very well that all is not well with the world. One of the greatest gifts youth can bring to this world is a fearless and honest criticism, and as we look out upon the world to-day we must surely realize that the blessings we have inherited from the past are by no means unmixed. In spite of all the beauty and worth of its achievement the last century brought us the Great War, and we still find the world a playground for vast forces which blight and sear and maim human life.

It would be unfair to take the varied social and industrial life of this Colony as an example of the state of things generally in the wider world. But if we look with honest eyes we can find things to make us heartily ashamed. The present conflict in the life of the world to-day is the conflict between grossly material and a spiritual conception of life.

Christ's Challenge.

Is there a young man here who believes that industry can be eventually Christianised? Is there one who believes that war will be eventually ostracised? Is there one who believes that ordinary, everyday work can be transformed from drudgery and made a joy and an inspiration? Is there one who believes that politics can be purified and common social relationships sanctified? If there is, then Christ's challenge comes down to him. "I believe that," says Jesus. "I want you to have the courage to help me." Is it adventure you want; my friend? Then give your life, your gifts, your energies to Jesus, and launch out with Him into the complex life of the world. You will have the most exciting time in your life. You will find yourself in more difficult situations than you had ever imagined.

The possibility of war, present sin, disease, impurity, intemperance, politics without principles, wealth without work, industry without morality, science without humanity, pleasure without conscience are some of the forces arrayed against us. Who is sufficient to pit himself against them and hope for victory? Christian youth—saved and sustained by the power of the Cross of Christ. The Cross is the greatest creative force for good in the world. Men considered it at first the symbol of colossal failure. To-day it is the world's brightest beacon of hope.

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KIDNAPPERS CAUGHT.

MOTHER AND SON SENT TO PRISON.

A young Chinese was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and 15 strokes of the birch, by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on charges of kidnapping two small boys. The defendant's mother who was also accused of taking the children away from their parents received twelve months, while a man got six months on a charge of receiving.

It was revealed in evidence that the two boys were met in the street by the first defendant on two different occasions and enticed away to Ping Shan to which place they were taken by the man's mother. On arrival in the San Wai Village they were kept in the house of the third defendant and his wife, the latter appearing as the fourth defendant.

The first boy was subsequently sold while the second suddenly disappeared from the place and walked back to Yau Ma Tei where the incident was reported to the Police. Investigations were made and the other boy was restored to his parents while the four defendants were arrested.

His Worship convicted the first three defendants but acquitted the fourth who he said might have been acting under the influence of her husband.

His Worship: You haven't

enough evidence?

Mr. Butters: I doubt it.

Mr. Butters went on to explain the circumstances of the case. He said that the man was living with the third defendant while the second defendant was his sister.

The girl was not married to the first defendant but was following him. She was sent to her country and told to bring her smaller sister and brother to Hongkong.

The grand mother had legal custody of the children and believed that they were coming to Hongkong for a trip. They were never seen again and the old woman sent down a daughter to Hongkong. The daughter returned to the country and informed the woman that the defendants had taken the children to Canton and sold them. The grand mother came to Hongkong and reported the matter.

His Worship: You can't prove that?

Mr. Butters: I doubt it your Worship. I have only the old woman from the country and the absent defendant whom I was going to employ as a witness.

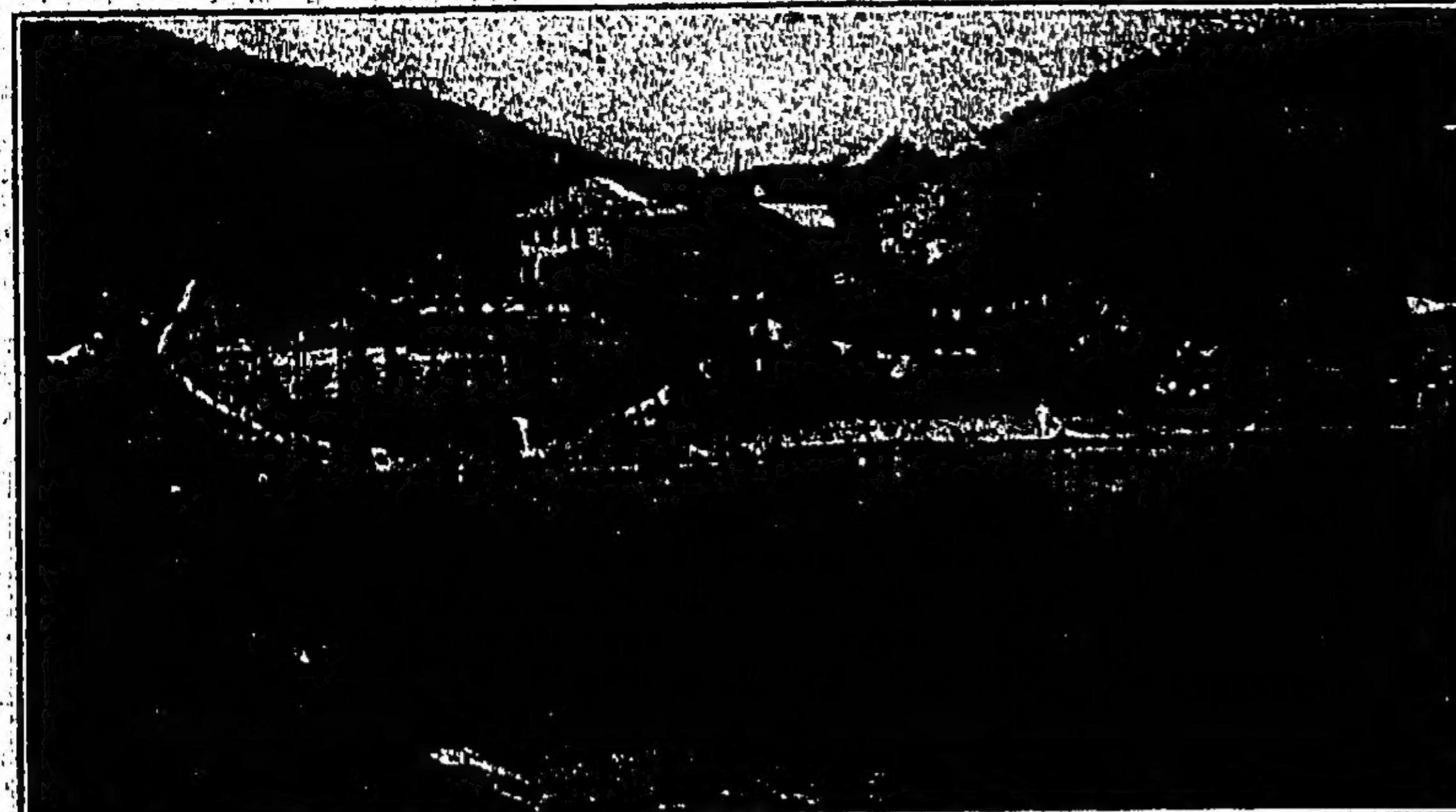
His Worship: You were going to ask for her discharge?

Mr. Butters: And going to use her as a witness but I don't know what she was going to say in the witness box.

Mr. Butters intimated that the children had not been recovered but there was a possibility of finding the boy who was sold in Hongkong, the girl having been sold to somebody in Swatow. The defendants were all discharged.

By Small

BUT SOMETIMES SHE PLAYS TOO ROUGH!



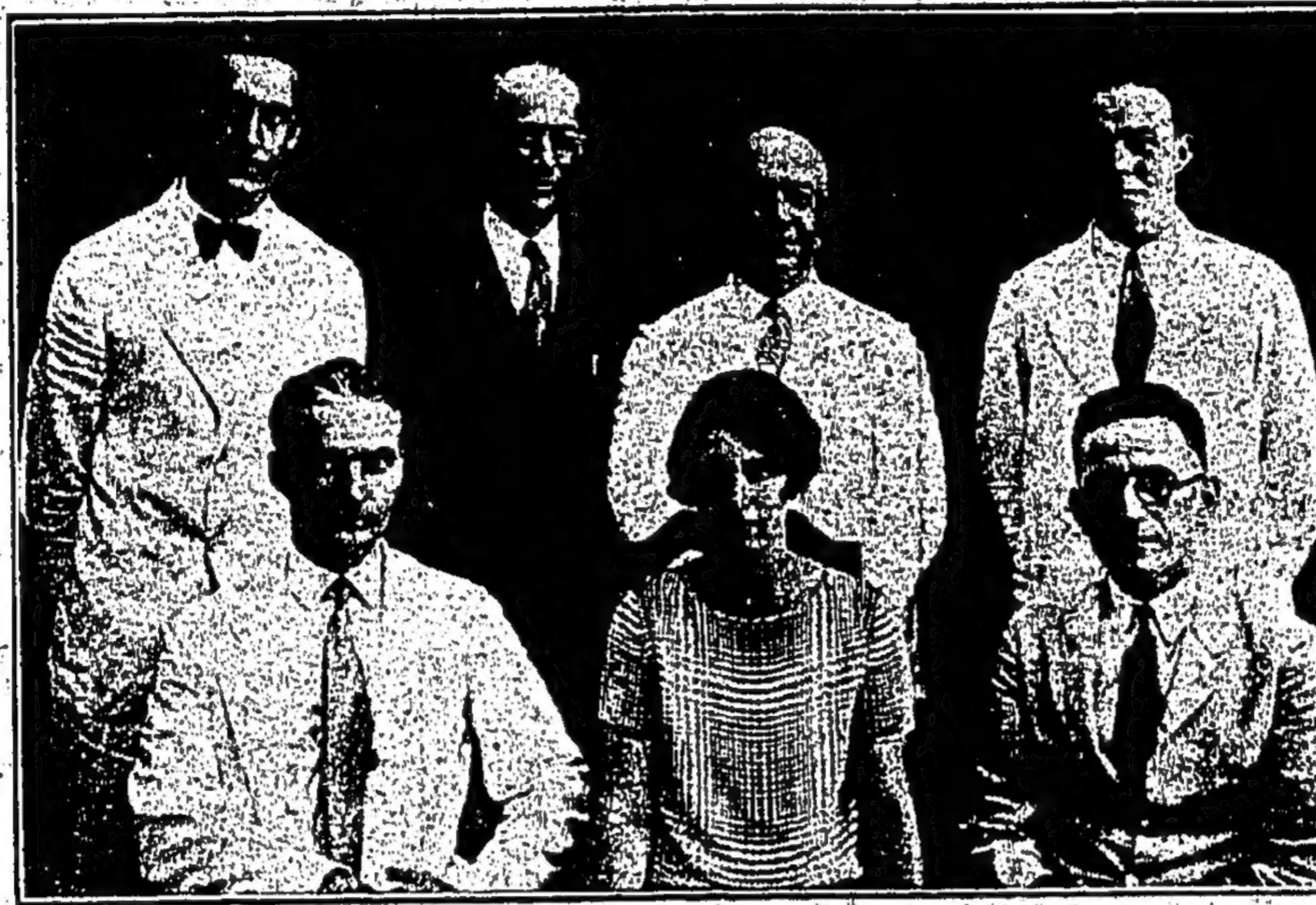
The annual tennis tournament held in Japan under the auspices of the Unzen Tennis Club created wide interest this year. The even was supported by the Osaka "Mainichi" and by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. The above photograph gives a graphic idea of the courts.



Two Far Eastern belles on the beach at Tsingtao.



Miss V. Bary, of Shanghai, and Mr. R. P. Newell, of Kobe, winners of the Champion Cups presented by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha in the Unzen Tennis Tournament.



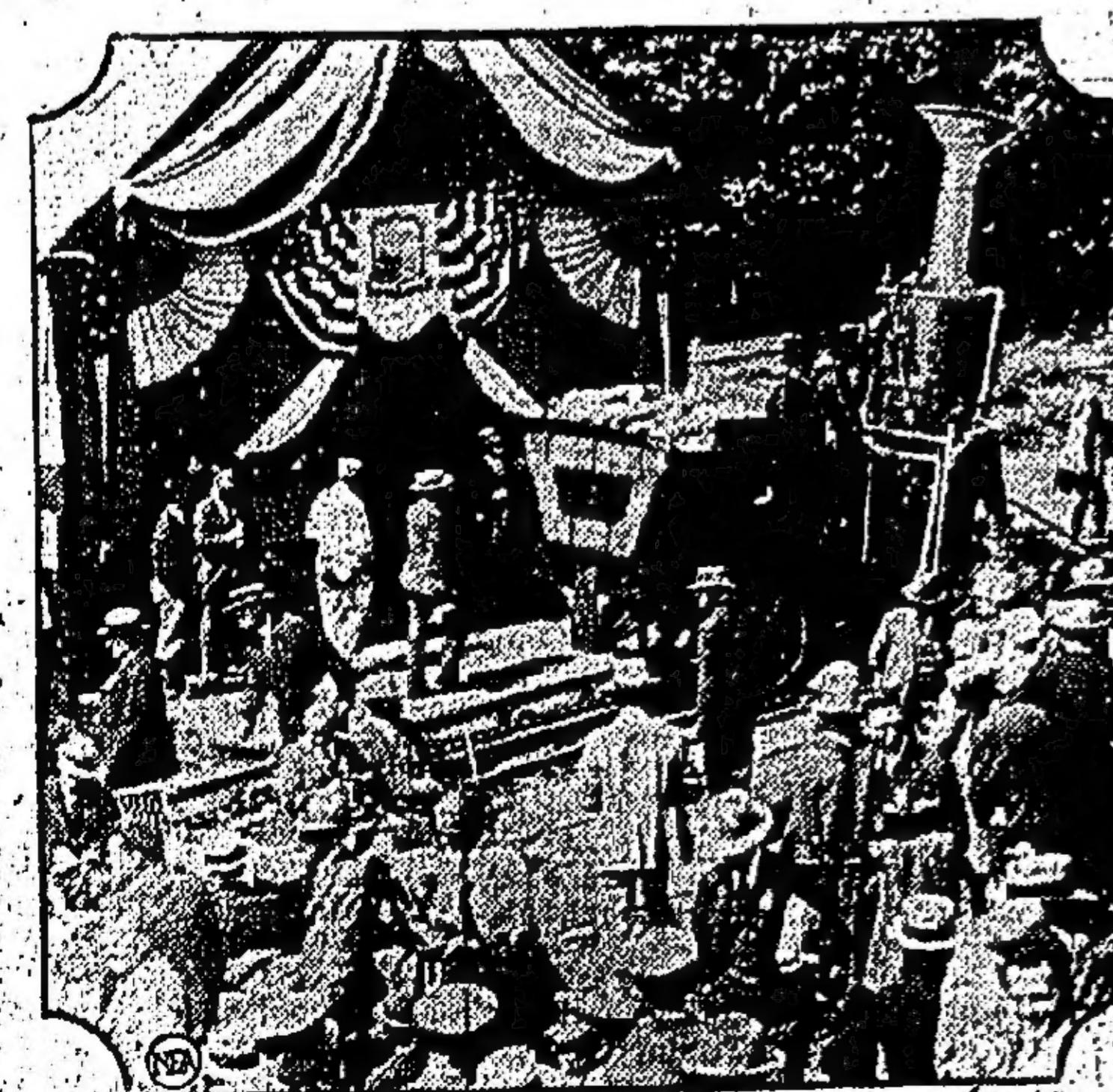
The China staff of Aviation-Exploration, Inc. representing the Curtiss-Wright aeroplane group, which is assisting the National Government in the establishment of national airways.



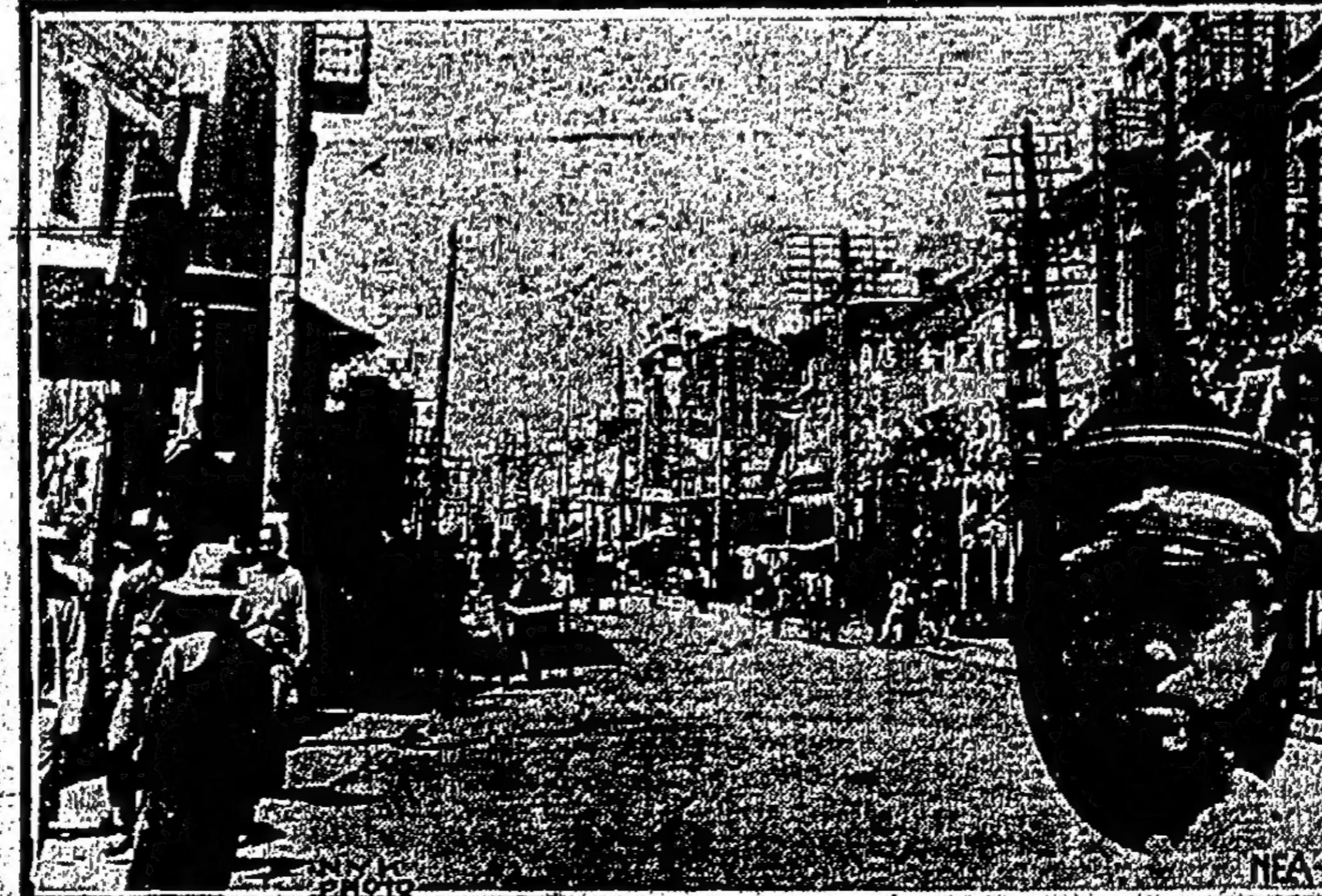
A number of competitors in the recent tournament at Unzen, Japan.



The gathering at the recent tiffin given in Shanghai to Congressman L. C. Eyer by the Pan-Pacific Association.



An accident resulted from a stunt with the 60-year old locomotive shown above which blew up when asked to climb an incline, killing one and injuring four others.



Our picture shows a typical scene in Harbin, the most important centre on the Chinese Eastern Railway, now the subject of dispute. Thousands of refugees from Manchuria are now at Harbin. Insist is General Chang Hsueh-lung, who is responsible for the defence of Manchuria.

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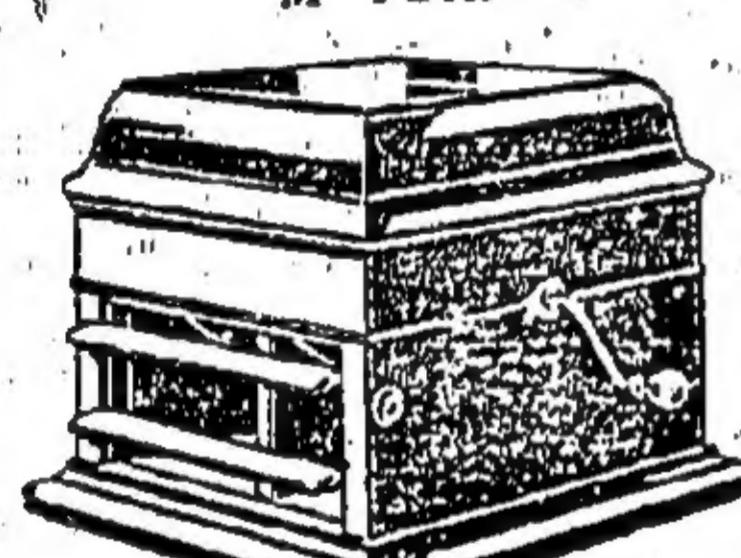
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Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Morea ... Sat., Sept. 14.

Parcels ... K.P.O. ... Sept. 14, 4.30 p.m.

Registration ... Sept. 14, 9 a.m.

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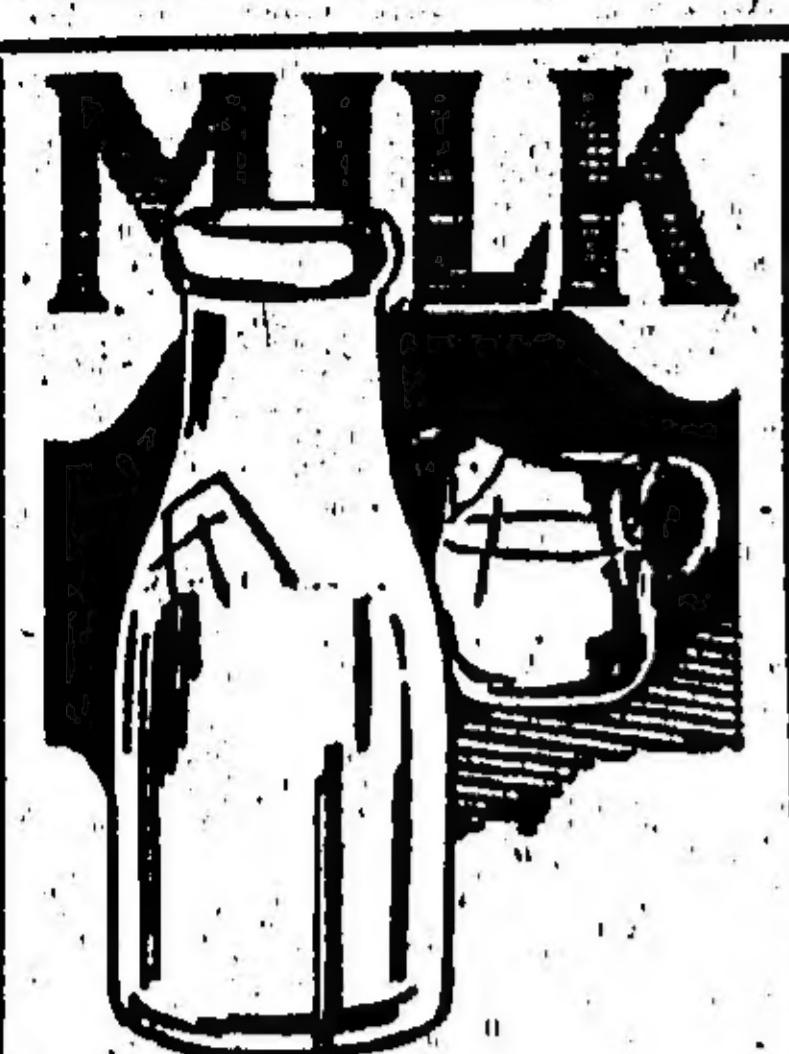
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Mausang ... Mon., Sept. 16, 1.30 p.m.



MUSEUM SECRET REVEALED.

TREASURES SAVED BY MILLIONAIRE.

It was disclosed recently that the anonymous friend who has lent the British Museum £31,500, in order that the famous 14th century Luttrell Psalter may be retained by the Museum, is Mr. Pierpont Morgan, the American millionaire.

Mr. Morgan, who is at present in England enjoying the amenities of his English home, Wall Hall, near Aldenham, Herd, has also bought the Bedford Book of Hours, and is holding it for the Museum, who have the option of raising £33,000 to buy it.

The British Museum therefore needs to raise the sum of £64,500 within 12 months to save these two treasures for the nation.

Mr. Morgan, who lent the £31,500 free of interest for 12 months, in order that the Psalter might be bought from Mrs. Alfred Noyes, its owner, paid a visit to the Museum a few days ago, and saw both the books, which are on public exhibition in the Granville Library.

None of the visitors who gathered round the case containing the books and eagerly scanned their beautiful illustrations recognised the famous American.

"Should be Kept Here."

The millionaire made a long inspection of the Psalter, being fascinated by its vivid pictures of life in Merry England 600 years ago.

"It should, certainly be kept here," he commented.

Mr. Morgan also saw the Bedford Book of Hours, which was bought for him by Mr. Quaritch, the expert dealer in old manuscripts.

He expressed a keen desire to keep this book in his own possession, but, nevertheless arranged with the Museum authorities that they should have an opportunity of buying it during the next 12 months at the same price at which Mr. Quaritch bought it. Both books are to stay in the Museum in the meantime.

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An expedition, whose mission is to destroy icebergs, is heading down the St. Lawrence River in the 76-foot ketch Uvira for the Straits of Belle Isle, between the North of Newfoundland and the mainland of Labrador.

Mr. R. B. Vanhorne, son of one of the founders of the Canadian Pacific, leads the party, which includes Dr. H. E. Faber, the inventor and chemist, of New York; Dr. Howard T. Barnes, of the McGill University, Montreal.

It is gathered that tests will be made with flares shot far ahead from a gun, and recorded, as they go, on a photographic plate, which it is hoped will reveal the silhouette of any iceberg on the course.

By shooting small flares, supported by parachutes, in the immediate vicinity, it is expected that liners will be enabled to proceed at full speed and still avoid bergs.

Fog-Piercing Rays. Further experiments will be made with infra-red-ray producing mechanism developed by Dr. Faber and Dr. Barnes, which is said to be calculated to reveal outlines of bergs through dense fog, when the flare apparatus would be useless.

Then, too, the scientists will try out a microphone detection method, in an effort to pick up the distinctive sounds of air escaping from the under side of an iceberg.

Finally, a powerful explosive, which is designed to shatter large bergs, is also to be tested.

"This is 'thermit,' a mixture containing aluminium and iron oxide, which, exploding at a temperature of about 3,000 centigrade, gives off a gas capable theoretically of splintering aberg into fragments.

Going from the restored eyebrows to other extremes, the evening dresses are beginning to touch all round legs, where these ankle-length dresses are concerned; have disappeared.

But few are the women who care to hide shapely limbs under ankle-

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

SPAGALONG HAS BEEN INVITED BY UNCLE HARDY TO COME OUT TO HIS RANCH IN THE ROCKIES, AND ALL IS BUSTLING AT HOME GETTING HIM READY FOR THE TRIP.... MEANWHILE FRECKLES AND UNCLE HARDY ARE STILL IN A HOTEL IN SAN FRANCISCO

WELL, NOW THAT TAGALONG IS GOING TO BE AT THE RANCH TOO, IT WILL BE A BIG SURPRISE TO FRECKLES.... I WON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT TO HIM AND WHEN WE RIDE DOWN TO THE STATION TO MEET HIM HE'LL BE ONE SURPRISED BOY!!

SAY UNCLE HARRY, I WAS JUST THINKIN' THAT WHEN WE GET TO YOUR RANCH I'LL NEED SOME DIFFERENT CLOTHES THAN THESE, WONT I?

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Beauty Hints.

THE USE OF THE ROLLER.

Whether you want to remove some all too superfluous flesh, improve the contour of your legs and arms, or break down a double chin, you will find that the use of a "roller" is the quickest and safest method of achieving your end.

Rollers designed on the "bead" or "ball" plan are the easiest to manipulate, and are quite the most effective. For reducing the hips, or getting rid of flesh below the belt, or on the back, a large roller is required, and one of the best I have seen has a frame of thick elastic cord with its "balls" strung on wire. It is fitted with a pair of handles and worked across that portion of the person you wish to reduce, very much on the lines of a brisk rub with a Turkish towel.

Those Too-Plump Legs.

For legs which are too plump about the calves there is a very special roller shaped to fit around the calf and fitted with three "balls" or beads. This, also, is worked by holding a handle at each end, and the beads are revolved as the roller is worked, and break down the fatty tissues very quickly.

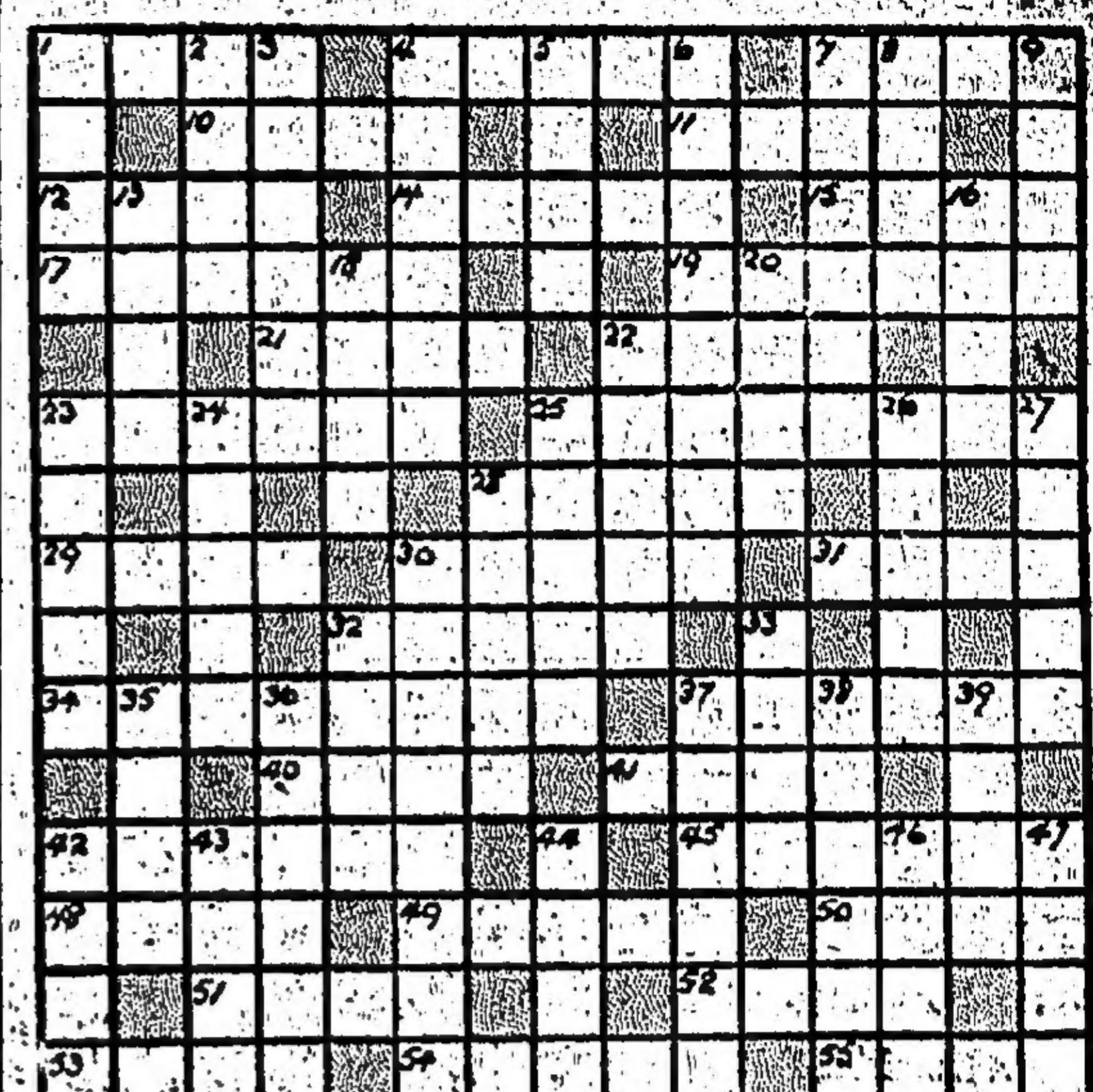
For the Face and Throat.

Should you suffer with a double chin or feel that your face is a trifle too plump for beauty, then one of the small facial rollers will soon remedy matters. For removing a double chin a small roller, formed of three or four large beads and fitted to a handle, must be chosen. It should be worked from the centre of the chin immediately beneath it, rolling towards the ears, first on one side, then on the other. Here a certain amount of pressure may be exerted, but when it is used for rolling from beneath the chin to the base of the throat the pressure should be of the lightest.

These little rollers are also very useful for applying feeding cream to the face and throat. A too thin throat is greatly benefited when cream is gently rolled into the hollows, and the small rollers also help to smooth out wrinkles across the forehead when a good cream is rolled into the skin in this way.

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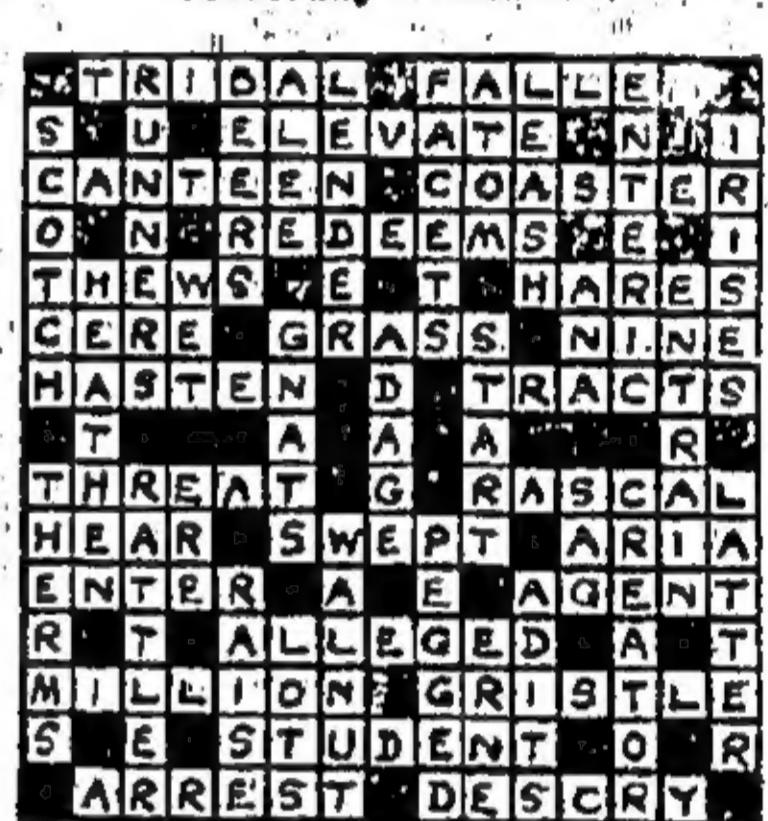
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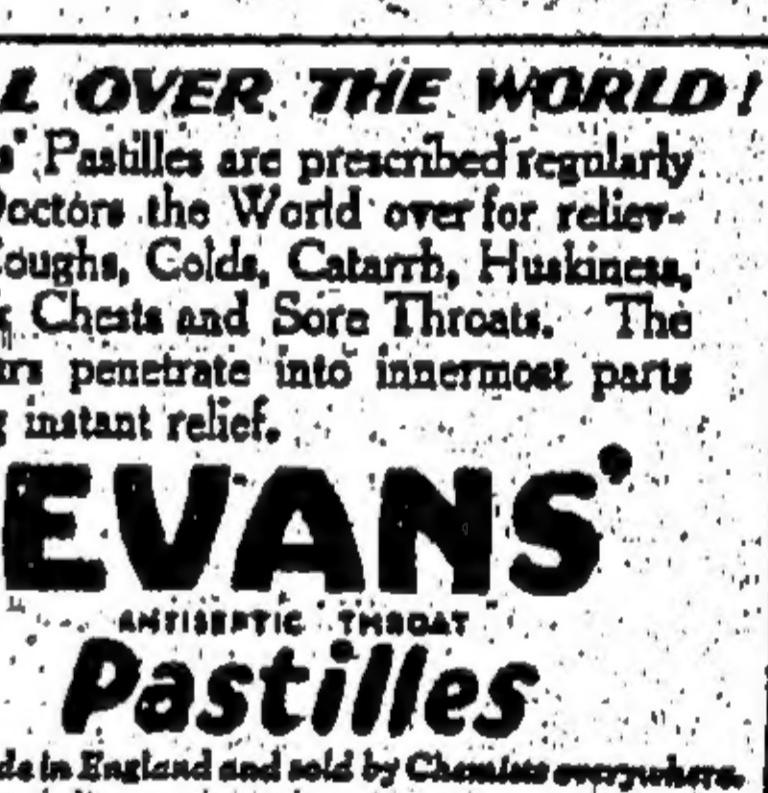
- Low spirits.
- Impel.
- Green.
- Hit hard.
- Directs toward.
- Attack.
- Burrowing animals.
- Colour.
- Sudden fright.
- Remit.
- Soon.
- Graver.
- Umpires.
- Ancient dramatic entertainment.
- Confabulation.
- Fruit.
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Mr. E. S. Condell, second officer, Hsin Peking, has gone second officer, Hupeh.

Mr. H. E. Woodstock, chief officer, C. N. Co., has resigned.

Captain C. Isbister, of the Kiangsu, has gone master, Fatshan.

Captain J. E. Richards, of the Fatshan, has gone master, Kiangsu.

Captain S. M. Barling, chief engineer officer, Chungking, has gone chief engineer officer, Summing.

Captain F. Gibbs, from reserve, has gone master, Chungking.

Mr. T. A. Ellis, second officer, Hsin Peking, has gone acting chief officer, Woosung.

Mr. E. W. Richards, from home leave, has gone chief officer, Taming.

Mr. W. D. Cashel, second officer, Kaneting, has gone officer, Chenan.

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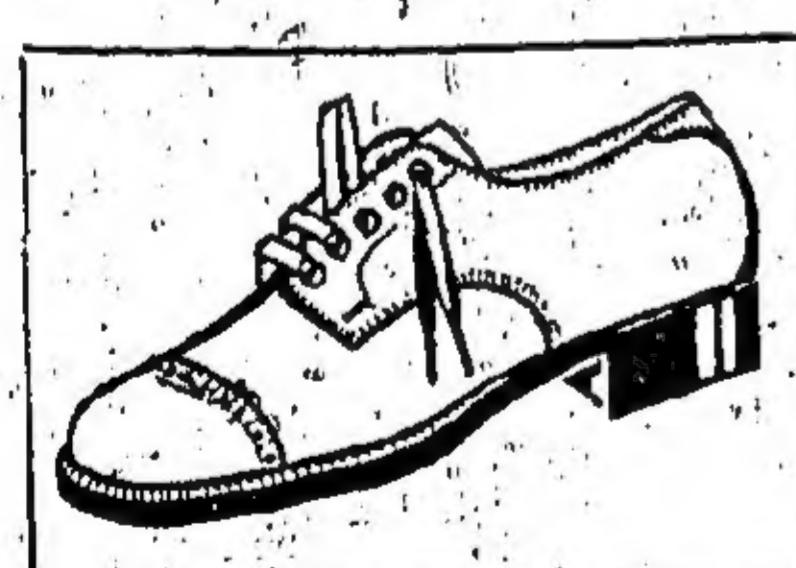
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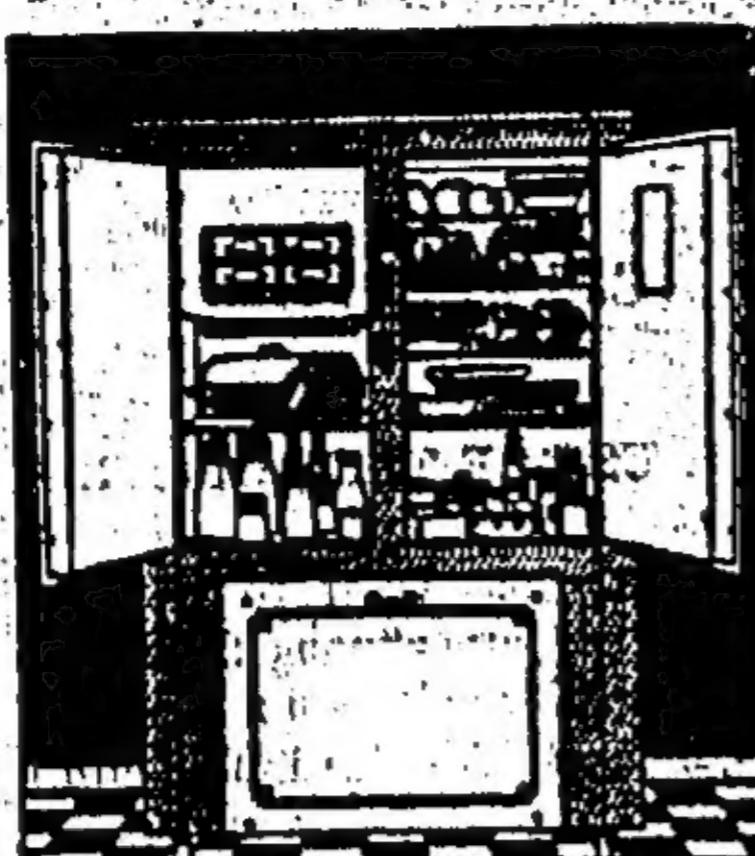
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The Hongkong Telegraph

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 11, 1929.

THE HIGH COST OF GOVERNMENT.

The correspondent who wrote in our columns yesterday suggesting that an inquiry into public expenditure would probably disclose room for considerable retrenchment, touched on a question which is becoming of increasing concern to ratepayers of the Colony. We fear, however, that his idea of a Commission of business men to look into the whole matter with a view to ascertaining whether the Government is economically and efficiently run, is not likely to be realized. Commissions are appointed by the Government, and we can hardly imagine the Administration asking business men to sit in judgment on its activities. All the same, there does exist a very strong and growing feeling that the Colony is paying far too much for its government.

It is difficult to ascertain how Hongkong compares with other Colonies, similarly situated, in the matter of administrative expenditure. A contemporary, however, has calculated that our Civil Service in money disbursements alone is costing us more than a third of our total yearly expenditure. What we should like to see is a detailed statement of the whole position, and we suggest that our Unofficials might do far worse than endeavour to ascertain how personal emoluments compare with total revenue and expenditure over a period of years. It might not be easy to secure comparative figures in regard to other Crown Colonies, but at any rate there should be no difficulty in discovering exactly what proportion of our outgoings are absorbed in administrative charges. There can be no questioning the fact that the costs go on piling up year after year. The latest burden to be borne, provided the Salary Commission's report is adopted, will be a big addition under the heading of personal emoluments. This is a matter on which we have already commented at considerable length, and we need only now say that whilst we welcome the increases in the lower grades as being long overdue, we still doubt whether any real case has been made out in regard to

many of the higher-paid officials who, even before the exchange compensation allowance came into force, were certainly suffering undue hardship. As we look over the whole situation, it becomes self-evident that the Colony cannot go on indefinitely adding to its cost of government unless new sources of revenue are found. Any increased taxation to offset the upward trend of expenditure would certainly be resented. When all is said and done the whole problem is to cut our garment according to the amount of cloth available. In the past, "economy" in this Colony has been largely a matter of suspending essential public works. But that is not real economy; it may be quite the reverse, indeed. Value for money is what the Colony wants, and at present it has an impression that that is precisely what it does not get.

There is a further feeling abroad, namely, that our Unofficial Members of Council do not keep a keen enough watch on the Colony's expenditure. True, when the annual Budget comes round they air their views on various aspects of the Government programme at considerable length, but what we miss is evidence of a year-in and year-out determination to keep unnecessary expenditure in check. Scarcely a meeting of the Council takes place without huge sums being agreed to, and no questions whatever asked. It is high time this tradition was broken down. The times call for some serious effort in the direction of sensible retrenchment. A halt must somehow be called to the rising cost of Government.

United States of Europe.

There is nothing new in Mr. Briand's proposal for an economic United States of Europe, though he is entitled to credit for instilling life into the idea and fostering the active interest of the country which would be concerned. In the past, if the subject was mentioned in speech or in print, the inclination, as a rule, was to an enquiry as to whether the author was Mr. H. G. Wells, or some other notionist of vigorous imagination. It is clear now, however, that an entirely different spirit prevails, and for a scheme which presents such enormous difficulties, considerable headway has been made. M. Briand entertained the representatives of twenty-seven European countries to luncheon at Geneva on Monday and explained to them his ideas for what he pleases to call an Economic European Federation. A sympathetic hearing was granted, "after which the French Premier agreed to address a Memorandum fully explaining the project to each Government eligible for membership or participation in the Federation. It will be recalled that M. Briand's original proposal synchronised with the proposed erection of a considerably higher tariff wall by the House of Representatives at Washington, and quite frankly, those who are keenest on the scheme regard it as the only logical answer to the continued endeavour by the United States of America to shut every other country out. In a brief reference to M. Briand's project, Mr. W. Graham, the President of the Board of Trade, confined himself entirely to the tariff question, declaring that a free exchange of products and mutual frankness was essential to success. Like Mr. Snowden, Mr. Graham is a keen Free Trader and since he sees the prospect of tearing away tariff barriers in all directions, M. Briand will find in him an enthusiastic supporter. The ideal aimed at we believe, is absolute freedom of import and export among the countries of the Federation, and the erection of a competitively high tariff wall against outsiders. Ultimately, it is hoped, the pressure exerted will bring down with a rush the tariff schedules of great protectionist countries like the United States of America, by agreement. Until the movement towards free trade has such universal sanction, we shall doubt the wisdom of the Snowdens in advocating the complete abolition in Britain of protectionist duties. Existing realities must dominate until ideals have passed to that stage.

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The Ben Line s.s. Benaven, from Singapore, is due here on the 15th instant.

Paymer Lieut. Commr. H. B. Twomey has been appointed to H.M.S. Tamar.

The P. and O. s.s. Khyber, from Hongkong, arrived at London on the 9th September at 2 a.m.

The P. and O. s.s. Mirzapore, from Singapore, is due here, at 6 a.m. on the 17th instant.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows two cases of typhoid (one imported) and one of puerperal fever. All were Chinese.

The hearing of the manslaughter case in which a fok of the Monk Market is charged with killing a fellow-worker, was fixed by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for next Tuesday afternoon.

Arrested in connexion with the armed robbery committed at No. 631, Nathan Road, last week, two Chinese, who were again before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, were remanded for another week, to hear on Thursday the 19th.

Mrs. W. T. Southorn, wife of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, passed through Colombo on Wednesday, August 21, on her way to Europe, and was entertained by the members of the Women's International Club, of which she was a founder. A group photograph appears in the *Times of Ceylon*.

Pleading guilty to a charge of being in possession of eight *po-pui* lottery tickets, a Chinese woman was fined \$40 by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant claimed that she was taking the tickets to the Yaumati Ferry Wharf for a man whom she had not known before.

A telegram received by the *Nam Chung Po*, states that Sir Robert Ho Tung is likely to pay a fortnight's visit to Hankow and then return to Hongkong via Shanghai. It is added that Sir Robert has had a lengthy interview with Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang in regard to industrial prospects in China.

A Chinese, who was arrested on a charge of larceny of a quantity of clothing from a house in Shamshui-po, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant was stated to have gained admission to the premises by breaking open the rear door.

The weekly return of the Medical Officer of Health contained seven cases of enteric fever, and one each of plague, small-pox, diphtheria and cerebro-spinal fever. All were Chinese with the exception of two British cases, and one Danish case of enteric fever. There were three deaths from enteric and one each from plague and small-pox. A plague infected rat was also found. The Colony had a clean bill of health on Monday.

Lam Fat, alias Lam Tak-chuen, who died intestate at Tai Chak Sui Yip Village, Sun Wu District, Kwongtung, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$10,900. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Lam Ho-shi. Letters of administration to the estate of Ching Chi-ling, alias Ching Woon-man, who died intestate at No. 74, Tai Wong Street, East on July 11, last year, have been granted to the widow, Wong Wah-chiu. Hongkong estate amounts to \$14,000.

WATER LEVELS.

FOR WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS.

The following table, compiled by the Board of Conservancy Works of Kwangtung, shows the water levels in English feet on the West, North and East Rivers on the dates named:

	Sept. 9	Sept. 10
Shihlung	124	123
Taiyuan	8.8	6.9
Shamshui	7.1	8.3
Sheklung	8.0	8.3

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Colony's Problems.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir.—The letter appearing in your issue of last night dealing with the Colony's problems makes interesting reading, and your correspondent is to be congratulated on airing the views of a large section of the public.

There are many matters on which information is sought, and one or two queries would not be out of place at this time.

An extensive road is to be constructed somewhere behind Kowloon Bay, apparently only remedying a theoretical need for building sites in that area. Surely this is not so immediately essential as:

1. A vehicular ferry between Hongkong and the mainland.
2. Improvements to the existing roads in the New Territories.

One can only infer that the possibility of increased competition with the Railway, which would result, is the principal reason for the purely negative policy of the Government.

All projects involving expenditure of public funds should be made known to the general public being definitely adopted by the Government, so as to give our Unofficial Members an opportunity of obtaining the views of the community in these matters.—Yours,

TEMPORI PARADEUM.

Sir.—It was encouraging to read "Zeitgeist" letter in your last evening's edition, and to know that, if on rare occasion only, intelligent interest is sometimes taken in public affairs in this Colony.

The taxpayer is peculiarly placed in Hongkong in that his only medium of expressing opinion on Government matters is through the correspondence columns of the local Press, and then also, under a *nom de plume*, but it was with some satisfaction that one read that the Colonial Secretary, in answer to a question by an Honourable Member at a recent meeting of the Legislative Council, intimated that the Government had noticed some criticism by correspondents. I think on the question of the parking of motor cycles at the Star Ferry Kowloon.

It may be concluded, therefore, that more correspondence on "The Colony's Problems" may not altogether be in vain.

No apparent effort has been made by the Government during the last decade to reduce the high cost of living in the Colony, and, if they now adopt the Report of the Salaries Commission, it will be clearly a question of robbing Peter (Taxpayer) to pay Paul (Civil Servant).

The obvious channel in which the Government should direct their efforts is to endeavour to reduce the cost of living to the level of existing salaries, not the inverse method suggested in the Report of the Salaries Commission.

An Economy Commission composed of local business men, as proposed by "Zeitgeist" would appear to be remedial, if we are to profit by the example of the retrenchments effected by the Geddes and other Commissions appointed years ago at Home.—Yours, etc.

ASTREA.

STABBED WOMAN IN CHEST.

YOUNG CHINESE GETS TWO MONTHS' SENTENCE.

A quarrel between a young Chinese couple, who had been living together as man and wife was mentioned before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when the man was charged with assaulting the woman with a knife.

The defendant admitted the charge.

Detective Sergeant Meadows said the two had been living together, but recently the woman went elsewhere to live. Yesterday she met the defendant, who assaulted and struck her in the chest with a knife. The knife had penetrated five layers of clothing and caused a wound which had to be attended to at the hospital.

The defendant, in reply to his Worship, excused the woman of having taken some of his clothing away with her. He said that when he met her she attacked him and he took out a knife with which he stabbed her.

His Worship asked if it was an open knife, and, on receiving the reply from the defendant that he had opened it with his teeth, while the woman was holding him, His Worship remarked that it was too much of a conjuring trick.

The defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

The Very Idea!

A contributor to a Home paper says:—"I believe the originator of Spoonerisms was the Rev. Isaac Spooner, a noted man in Birmingham in the Forties and Fifties of last century. I was educated at King Edward's School there, and well remember him and the amusement he caused us boys by his putting the cart before the horse, as we then called it. That would be over 70 years ago, as I was nominated and entered the school in 1853. I knew I looked upon him as an elderly man in those days."

"My father was at Oxford (Christ Church) in the early Fifties," writes "F. P. S." ; "and when we were children he would often talk of 'chutton mops,' which he told us was the correct way at Oxford in his day of pronouncing mutton chops. So this particular Spoonerism must have been current eighty years ago, when Dr. Spooner was in his cradle."

Another reader recalls the "Spoonerisms" of Mr. Prodiggy in Albert Smith's "Adventures of Mr. Leabury." Probably this form of metathesis is as old as human speech. The question is, who was the original Spooner of the "isms"?

"If you haven't a ticket for that boy, madam, you'll have to pay," said the ticket collector.

"I shall do nothing of the kind," replied the woman.

"But you must obey the rules," said the man. "How old is the boy?"

"I don't know," said the woman. "I never saw him before!"

(The number of seeds in a melon is, it is stated, excessive and something of a nuisance.)

Inventors of the garden freak, Deciding when a phase is needless,

Who think of something every week

What might be eyeless, stonelss, seedless,

Behold, as autumn draweth nigh, A finer fruit to cast your spell;

On;

By nineteen-thirty, can't you try To cultivate a seedless melon?

An amateur doctor in an out-of-the-way settlement was called to a case he could not diagnose. He gave the man a strong drug, and said cheerfully, "That'll give him a fit, and I'm a whale on fits!"

Judge Thompson, K.C., at Bow—How much do you offer? Debtor—I offer nothing. I will put up with your order.

Solicitor at Bow County Court—The defendant may have the money in fourteen days. Another Solicitor—Pigs might fly.

Barrister at Clerkenwell County Court—Do you know anything about this? Man—Of course I do. It was only eleven o'clock in the morning.

RESPONSIBILITY OF LANDLORDS.

MAGISTRATE AND LAW ON BASEMENTS.

POSITION MADE CLEAR.

Apropos of a comment which appeared in a recent issue of this paper touching a summons against a landlord for allowing the basement of certain premises to be used for habitation without the permission of the Sanitary Board, the following statement was made by Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg at the Central Police Court on Saturday:

"My attention was called to an article in the *Hongkong Telegraph*, which appeared likely to give rise to some misunderstanding as to a landlord's liability for letting basements for use as workshops or for human habitation or for allowing their use for those purposes. The article appeared to indicate that I held the view that a landlord could not be convicted on a summons for an offence under the section. Any ruling to that effect would, in my opinion, be entirely contrary to the purport of the Ordinance. Each case must, however, be judged on its own merits, on the facts as proved."

"What actually happened at the hearing of an earlier case was that I expressed disagreement with the views held by Inspector Foster that it was the landlord's duty to visit and inspect his premises and ascertain from time to time the use to which they were put. I took the objection that once the landlord has let his premises, and for the duration of the tenancy for which he has let them, he has no general right at all times to enter and inspect his premises. He frequently reserves by his agreement a right to enter at times in order that he may see the state of repairs, but it is unusual to reserve a right of entry for the purpose of other inspections."

Out of Control?

"I also expressed the view that once the landlord had let the premises he had, for the duration of the tenancy, put it out of his own power to control the manner in which the premises were used."

"Following on this, I discussed the interpretation of the words 'suffer and permit' and expressed the view that the words connoted a power to hinder or prevent the obnoxious act, and I furthermore pointed out that, in my opinion, it would be necessary to prove as a fact that the landlord had knowledge of the wrongfull use.

"From this, it was apparently thought that I held the view that the landlord could never be convicted under the section. He undoubtedly can. He might, for instance, expressly let for the specific purpose which the law prescribes: he might by the express terms of his agreement let a basement for use as a workshop. He is, however, more likely to let in such circumstances that the law will infer that he let for use for the specific purpose which is prohibited. Perhaps the best instance would be where a landlord let the premises floor by floor and, knowing that the basement had been occupied for purposes of habitation by a succession of tenants, re-let without taking any precaution against continued user in that manner."

Intent to Use.

"There was just such a case before me and it was further proved that the tenant was a woman who, when she came to take possession, must have been seen by the agent to have with her those household impediments which clearly indicated an intent to use the basement for habitation. In such a case, I should have no hesitation in convicting."

"I do not think that the landlord is ordinarily obliged to impose restrictions when letting his premises, for he is entitled to assume that his tenant will not break the law; but, on the other hand, if it is brought to the landlord's knowledge that his premises are being used in a manner prohibited by the section, and if after he has acquired that knowledge, he has the power to determine the tenancy but fails to do so, then I think he has suffered or permitted the continued wrongfull user of the premises and can be convicted."

"I do not want it to be thought that I made any ruling that a landlord cannot transgress against the provisions of Section 45 of the Ordinance. He can, and frequently does, do so."

OCCASIONAL RAIN.

The anticyclone continues to be central over South Manchuria and has increased in intensity. The depression appears to have filled up, but a trough of relatively low pressure extends from the China Sea northward to South Japan. The forecast till noon to-morrow is: N.E. or variable winds, moderate; cloudy; occasional rain.

REMOVING WATER METER.

MR. J. M. ALVES SUMMONED BY WATER AUTHORITY.

TECHNICAL OFFENCE.

Mr. J. M. Alves, of No. 1, Min-den Villas, was summoned before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, at the instance of Mr. J. S. Dinnen, of the Water Authority, who alleged that the defendant caused to be removed a water meter installed on his property at Kowloon Tong.

The defendant admitted responsibility and said that he did not know he had been committing an offence. He explained that he was having the old wall surrounding the house demolished and a new one erected. The contractor in taking down the old wall left the meter suspended. He was told to remove the meter and install it when the new wall was finished. In the meantime, the meter was kept under the watchman's bed.

The defendant mentioned that the house was not occupied and there was no tap being used on the premises.

Mr. Dinnen said that the meter was installed on April 11, at which time the wall was finished. The authorities had received no instructions to remove the meter for the erection of a new wall.

His Worship remarked that he supposed it was very likely the defendant did not realize that he could not remove the meter.

Mr. Dinnen agreed and intimated that he understood the defendant had caused the meter to be removed without knowing he was committing an offence.

Mr. Alves explained that he had tried to protect the meter by having it taken away.

His Worship (to Mr. Dinnen): "I think it is rather a technical offence."

Mr. Dinnen: "It is a technical offence."

Continuing, Mr. Dinnen said it was a case where they should have been notified that the old wall was being knocked down so that they could take the meter and replace it when the new wall was built. If the Water Authority had been informed in April that a new wall was being erected, they would have waited before installing the meter.

Mr. Alves explained that it was only after the old wall had been demolished by the recent heavy rain that it was decided to erect a more substantial wall.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Dinnen said that no damage whatever had been done.

His Worship registered a caution.

RAID ON LOTTERY HEADQUARTERS.

TWO MEN CONVICTED AS KEEPERS.

Over a hundred *po-piu* lottery tickets, and what was described as "an enormous mass of material" were produced by the police before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning as the result of a raid yesterday, on the second floor of No. 15, Jervis Street.

Two men were charged with keeping a common gaming house, with possession of the tickets, and also with writing *po-piu* announcements when the police entered the premises. Although it was believed that the man who ran the establishment had not been caught, the Magistrate pointed out to the accused that they must be convicted as keepers, as the law regarded them as such when caught assisting in any way in the business.

Replying to his Worship, Detective-Sergeant O'Donovan agreed that, very seldom, as in opium cases, was the right man caught, and in the present case, the police were without the information which would enable them to say that the accused were merely employees. His Worship convicted the accused on two charges and imposed fines amounting to \$200, or 12 weeks' hard labour.

WOMAN'S LOTTERY TICKETS.

EXCUSE THAT WAS NOT ACCEPTED.

Charged with the possession of a quantity of *po-piu* lottery tickets, a woman was to-day closely questioned by Mr. E. W. Hamilton with regard to a statement she made, that she accepted 50 cents to carry the papers for another woman, a person, who, she said, was completely unknown to her.

While on her way to Hollywood Road, where she was to turn over the tickets to her employer, she was intercepted by the police in Queen's Road West.

Mr. Hamilton: "And you did not seem to be suspicious?"

Defendant: "I could not read what was on those papers."

The Magistrate: "You are convicted, \$50 or one month."

BRUTAL SWATOW MURDER.

WEALTHY MERCHANT DONE TO DEATH.

FIVE ARRESTS MADE.

Swatow, Sept. 10. Swatow has been stirred by the discovery of a particularly atrocious murder.

A wealthy merchant named Li-ling disappeared early last week. His relatives made enquiries at all likely places without result, and on the fourth day of his disappearance the matter was taken up by the police.

Enquiries by detectives enabled them to trace the missing man's movements to a point where he had had a long conversation with another man in a Japanese hotel.

The identity of this second man was discovered and his house searched. It was found to be the headquarters of a gang; five letters, had been written demanding ransom, and suspicious circumstances leading to further search, the police arrested five men in the gang, who, under examination, confessed to murder.

The police dug into the floor, and the body of the missing man, with many wounds in it, was found buried.

Why the man was so evilly treated, and then murdered after letters, some of which he was compelled to write himself, were sent demanding ransom, does not yet appear, unless the gang hoped to get the ransom without handing over the man—which might have been by no means easy.

To-day's Chinese papers have pictures of the five arrested men.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

BANDITS KIDNAP GERMANS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

When Mr. Birkett and the ladies crossed over to see how their German friends had fared, they found one lady with a red ring round her neck, where the cord with which she had been bound had bitten in. The children, who had been roped, were now free.

\$30,000 Ransom Asked.

The same afternoon, the German ladies walked down to Kayingchow with their little ones strapped to their backs. The Americans also went down, with the exception of Mrs. Campbell and her daughter, for whom chairs were sent next day.

The bandits are said to be demanding \$10,000 each as ransom for their three captives. The families of the captured men, however, realising that every ransom paid the more imperils the life and liberty of others, are reported to be refusing to consider paying the money.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships are in port:

Basin.—H.M. Ships Tamar and Moth.

South Wall Basin.—Tarantula.

North Arm.—H. M. Ships Starling and Sandwich.

In Dock.—H.M. Ships Seraph, Scorpions and L10.

Foreign.—French G/B. Vigilante.

\$60,000 DIAMOND ROBBERY.

SINGAPORE AGENT'S LOSS ON TRAIN.

EMPTY BAG FOUND.

Penang, Sept. 3. A sensational theft of jewellery and diamonds is reported to have occurred on the F.M.S. Railways in the early hours of yesterday morning.

The diamonds in question belong to a well-known Singapore Chinese firm and were being sent to Penang by the agent.

The agent boarded the night mail at Kuala Lumpur on Sunday evening buying a second-class ticket. He apparently kept awake guarding the valuable property which he carried in a small hand-bag till Ipoh was reached.

After passing Ipoh he went to sleep soundly and when he awoke near Nibong Tebel, he found his bag, which he had placed beside him, gone. He at once raised an alarm and a search was instituted in a lavatory, but the contents had vanished.

The theft, it is presumed, occurred between Ipoh and Nibong Tebel.

A full report was made on the arrival of the train at Bukit Mertajam where the railway authorities held an inquiry.

The agent furnished full details of the stock he carried which consisted of loose diamonds and other jewellery. Further investigation is proceeding but no arrests have so far been made.

Ipoh, Sept. 4. The diamonds and cash lost on the F.M.S. mail train are valued at \$60,000.

CHARLES RAY.

ROLE OF PRIZE FIGHTER IN FILM.

So real is Charles Ray's characterization of the prize-fighter in "The Count of Ten," which is now showing at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, that you have to ask your neighbour his name again to see if this is the same man that played in "The Auction Block." The part is decidedly different from anything he has done before, and can easily be called his best.

The picture is an excellent production that will thrill every lover of fighting and romance, and can almost be guaranteed to make you stand up and shout "Sock 'em," when the fighting scene comes along.

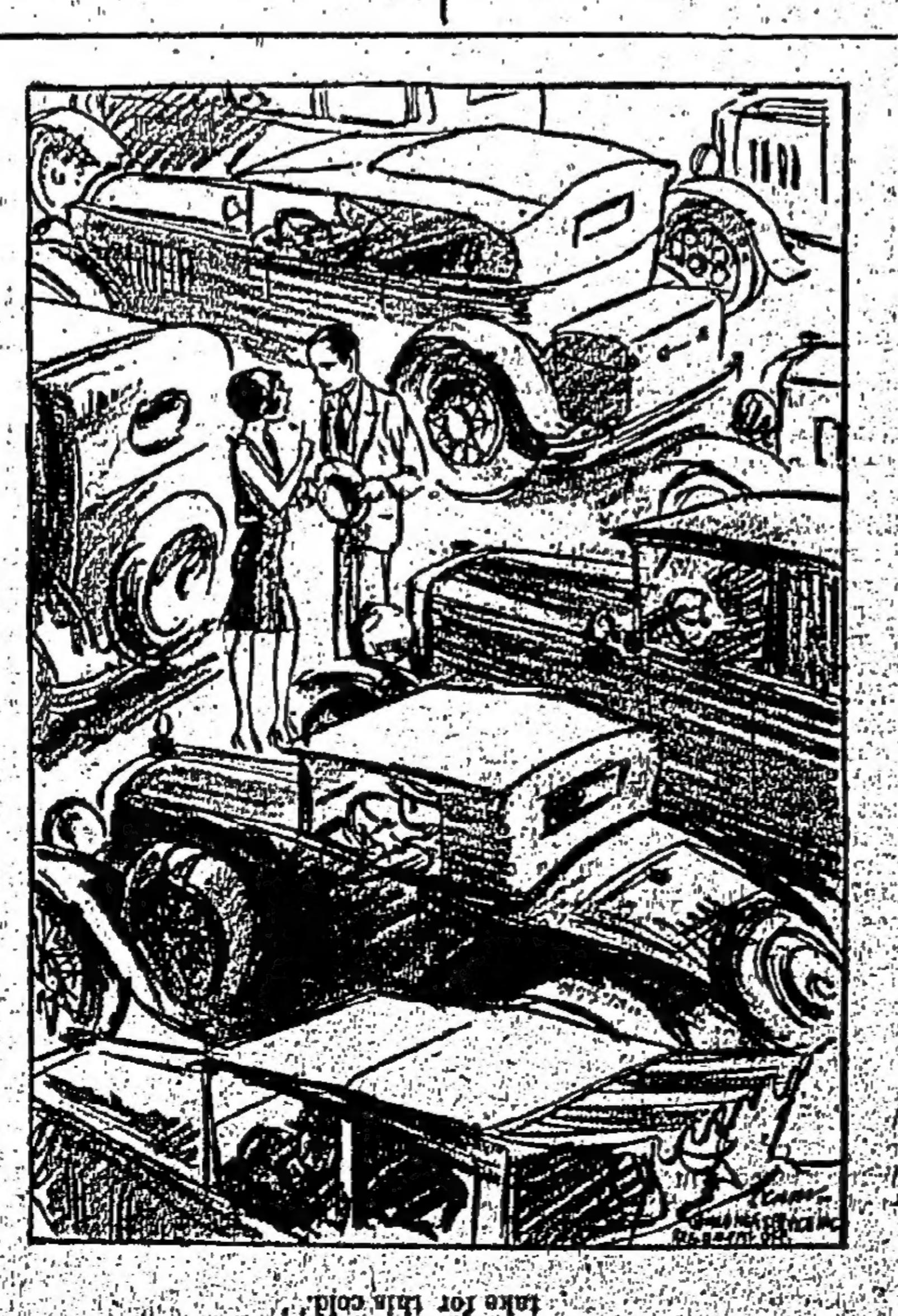
The screen story was adapted from one of the sport stories by Gerald Beaumont that ran in the Red Book Magazine.

James Gleason, formerly of the stage, gives another excellent portrayal in the role of Jimmie, the fighter's hard-boiled manager. Jobyna Ralston, who is remembered for her four years as leading lady with Harold Lloyd, is seen in one of her attractive roles.

Others in the cast are Arthur Lake, Edythe Chapman, and Charles Sellon.

Harbin, Sept. 10. Messrs. Burton and Godfrey, who were recently captured by bandits, have arrived at Harbin under the escort of Chinese troops.

Both are fit and well. They were released when the Chinese troops threatened to attack their captors.—*Reuter.*



CLAIM ON BANK SETTLED.

AGREEMENT REACHED AT LAST MOMENT.

JUDGMENT ACCEPTED.

An action for the return of deposit money, set down for hearing before the Chief Justice in the Supreme Court, was settled between the parties this morning. The plaintiffs were the Wing Cheung Kai firm, of 135 Connaught Road Central, who sued the Hong-Yik Bank of 33, Wing Lok Street, and Li Ku-lin as a partner thereof.

The claim was for \$4,000, being money deposited with the defendants as bankers, together with interest on the principal, at the rate of \$5.70 per \$1,000 per Chinese moon, as set out in a deposit note issued by the defendants on June 22, 1925. The total interest claimed amounted to \$955.20.

For the defendants it was contended that the contract, if any, was illegal. The statement of defence set out that at the time the contract was made, if at all, and at all material times, the Company was composed of more than 20 persons, was neither formed nor registered as a company under the Companies' Ordinance No. 58 of 1911, nor under any Ordinance, nor act, nor charter of incorporation, nor by letters patent.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the plaintiff firm and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Messrs. D'Almada and Mason, for the defendants.

After Mr. Jenkin announced that a settlement had been arrived at, the terms of the settlement, signed by counsel on both sides, were handed to the Clerk of the Court and read out by counsel.

The settlement provided judgment for the plaintiff for the principal sum \$4,000, and for fees of counsel for plaintiff as endorsed on the brief, and for other costs as between solicitor and client. The settlement also provided for a stay of execution for one week.

SERIOUS CHARGE.

CASE HEARD IN CAMERA AT KOWLOON.

The proceedings on the charge of alleged indecent assault against C. J. Atchim, of the Cosmopolitan Dock, were conducted by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning in camera, the Press also being asked to leave before evidence was taken.

His Worship, addressing Detective Sergeant Meadows, said he understood from what he heard last week that after the alleged offence was committed the mother of the girl got the defendant to sign a promissory note.

Detective Sergeant Meadows replied that the note was not signed until August 7, while the offence took place on or about July 28. He complained that the note had nothing to do with the offence, but the fact remained that the note had been signed.

His Worship said he thought the defendant had better plead not guilty. Referring to the question of the promissory note, his Worship said it was granted it would not affect the seriousness of the offence, but his Worship thought it would influence him a great deal in imposing a penalty because he thought he would feel it was hard lines on the defendant to be first of all asked to pay compensation and then later on, when sufficient money was not forthcoming, he should be taken into Court on a criminal charge.

Continuing, his Worship said he thought the defendant should possibly plead not guilty. He did not see how else they could go into the question. His Worship said he wanted to know all about the promissory note. He thought they had better hear the evidence and probably the case should not be heard in open court.

The Court was then cleared, the Press being asked to withdraw, and the evidence taken.

HOME FOOTBALL.

BURNLEY SUCCESSFUL IN FOURTH MATCH.

London, Sept. 10. At Burnley to-day, in the First Division of the Football League, Burnley defeated Sunderland by two goals to nothing.—*Reuter.*

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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MARINE ENQUIRY REHEARING.

(Continued from Page 1.)

That was not entered in the log
No.—

Wages Paid.

Witness went on to say that he had Mr. Becks' wages at eleven o'clock on the morning of Aug. 2 but he did not hand the wages over until the afternoon of that day because he could not find Mr. Becks until about 3.30. Witness said he was not on board at 1 p.m. and he did not therefore know if Mr. Becks was on board at that time. Witness returned to the ship shortly after 2 p.m. When he handed the wages over in the afternoon, he did not get a receipt from Mr. Becks as it was not necessary.

Witness continued he could not say definitely whether or not Mr. Becks was on board at 2 p.m. on Aug. 2, but he was on board at 3 p.m. While the ship was away Mr. Becks would naturally be ashore with nothing to do.

Mr. Prior:—I put it to you that he was not drunk on the deck of the On Lee?

Sworn Statement.

The President:—Witness has already given a sworn statement that he saw Becks there drunk.

Mr. Prior:—As you please, Sir.

Replying to the President, Capt. Perritt said that a bell was rung every 15 minutes during the three quarters of an hour before the ship sailed and the whistle was blown about five minutes before sailing time.

Mr. Hochstadt, chief engineer of the s.s. Kwong Fook Cheong, said that he did not see Mr. Becks at all during that particular voyage. When they returned to Hongkong on the Sunday, however, he saw Mr. Becks on deck at about 8 a.m.

Replying to Mr. Prior, witness said that on Aug. 2, Mr. Becks was on board at tiffin time. He asked his witness if he had received his wages and witness told him "Yes." Witness added that Mr. Becks was then trying to get hold of his wages.

Looked Sober.

Mr. Prior:—At 8 a.m. on the morning of the 4th was Mr. Becks sober?—He looked sober, yes.

That evidence closed. Capt. Perritt's case and Mr. Prior proceeded to outline Mr. Becks' story. Mr. Prior said that Mr. Becks had missed his ship partly through carelessness and partly through misfortune. He was careless inasmuch as he left a small margin of time for getting back to his ship. That margin was shortened considerably by the fact that the last visit he paid before returning was to a tailor's shop where he was measured for coats from which place he came away leaving his wallet behind. He discovered his loss and returned to get his wallet and that cost him about ten minutes.

Missed by Ten Minutes.

Mr. Becks missed his ship by about ten minutes, and he would ask the Court to remember that although he was wrong and should have known what time the ship sailed, he thought the ship was leaving at seven o'clock as he understood, the other steamers on the same run left at that time.

Mr. Prior continued that whether Mr. Becks was drunk or not early on the Sunday morning was not relevant to the case, as the Court was not enquiring into that. Nevertheless, the evidence before the Court was simply that Capt. Perritt saw Mr. Becks asleep and that he smelt of drink. It was very probable that Mr. Becks had been without employment for the whole of Saturday, he would naturally have some drinks.

Although the act of missing a ship was reprehensible, he would ask the Court to find it did not amount to such misconduct or rather such gross misconduct as would justify taking away Mr. Becks' certificate or suspending it. Through missing his ship Mr. Becks lost his employment on that ship which was a certain amount of punishment. He had now been out of work for 40 days, during 20 or 21 days of which he had not been able to get another job owing to the suspending of his certificate.

The finding of the previous Court was that Mr. Becks was guilty of misconduct. That finding must be considered bad in that under section 19 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance.

Illegal Finding.

While Mr. Prior was looking for the section, the President said:—I don't think you need labour that point. The Court is aware that owing to the omission of the word "gross" in the finding the finding became unlawful, and that is the point on which the re-hearing is granted.

Mr. Prior:—Well, that is the whole case and I will put Mr. Becks in the box to prove what I have said.

Mr. W.C.C. Becks, unemployed living at the Sailors' Home, said that he held a river mate's certificate which was suspended on

August 21. On August 2, he was employed at Chief Officer on board the s.s. Kwong Fook Cheong and was paid his wages (\$120.20) on that afternoon at 3.30. On that day he left the ship at 9 a.m. and returned at 1 p.m. to get his wages. He had a conversation with the chief engineer and did not get his wages because Capt. Perritt could not be found. He left the ship and again returned between 2.30 and 2.45 and waited on board until he saw Capt. Perritt.

Lost Wallet.

After receiving his wages, he again went ashore and visited a shop in Pottinger Street to pay a bill and order some more articles. At six o'clock he went to Elite Styles in the A.P.C. Building and was measured for two coats. He left that shop about 6.30 and had walked toward the ship. At 6.35 he discovered he had lost his wallet so he returned to the shop where he found his wallet. At 6.40 he again started to walk towards the ship, arriving at the wharf at about 6.45 only to discover that the Kwong Fook Cheong had left. He immediately went to the Paul Beau Wharf but when he arrived that vessel had just cast off.

Replying to Mr. Prior, Mr. Becks said that if the ship sailed at the correct time it would sail at 6.45 p.m. He rejoined the ship when it returned on August 4 between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m.

Had Several Drinks.

Were you drunk or sober at that time?—I was under the influence of drink. I had had several drinks during the day, but I don't know if I could be called drunk.

Mr. Becks added that the boat was not due to sail again until Monday evening at 6.45.

Capt. Perritt asked Mr. Becks if he had permission to go ashore as he had said he had done, to which the latter replied that he did not have permission as it was not usual to obtain such before going ashore.

Capt. Perritt remarked that had Mr. Becks been on board at 10.30 on the morning of August 2, he would have received his wages then.

Rejoining the President, Mr. Becks agreed that at the previous enquiry he made a statement about his movements but that statement was not on oath.

Do the times in your present sworn statement correspond with the times in your other statement?—As near as possible. In the previous statement I was not so particular about times.

Extraordinary Statement.

The President remarked that that was rather an extraordinary statement to make considering the nature of the enquiry.

Mr. Becks stated that previously he had not visited the places he had been to and checked his times of arriving and leaving, but he had since enquired at the shops. He himself knew to within half an hour, but he had since been able to fix the times more definitely.

The President:—How long were you in the shop when you went back to get your wallet?—I should say about five minutes.

The President pointed out that according to Mr. Becks' evidence, he left the Elite Styles at 6.30 and walked towards the ship for five minutes (6.35). He discovered his wallet was missing and walked back to the shop which would take another five minutes (6.40).

Mr. Becks had further said that he stayed in the shop for five minutes (6.45) but he had said that he left the shop after recovering his wallet at 6.40.

Mr. Becks said his evidence was that he left the shop at 6.30 and arrived back at the shop at 6.35.

The President:—No, it isn't.

Mr. Becks:—Well, I must have got back there at about 6.36 or 6.40.

Evidence of Time.

Lee Ping, of the Elite Styles, said that he remembered Mr. Becks visiting the shop on either August 2 or 3 and ordering two coats. He could not be more definite about the date. Mr. Becks left his wallet in the shop a little after six o'clock.

In reply to the President, witness said it would be about 6.30.

The President:—Why did you say about 6 p.m. just now?—He arrived at the shop at 6 p.m.

Witness continued that Mr. Becks left the shop and returned in about five minutes to get his wallet. He again left the shop at about 6.35. But witness added that he was not quite definite about that.

The President:—Not quite definite? Does that apply to all the times you have stated?—Yes, it applies to all the times.

The President:—When did you next see Mr. Becks?—Yesterday.

The President:—What happened to the coats?—He came to the shop and took them away.

When?—I was absent. I don't know.

What caused you to remember this visit of August 27?—When he came to me yesterday and talked about leaving his wallet in the shop I recollect.

Answering another question, witness said he did not look at the clock on August 2.

The President:—Then how did you know the time?—It was the approximate time, just a little after I had my evening meal.

The President:—What time did you have your evening meal?—Five o'clock.

The President:—You say a little time after that?—Yes, sometime after.

Guard's Evidence.

Niyamat Khan, in the box, said that he was a guard employed on the Poo Tak Wharf, where the Paul Beau moored. He saw Mr. Becks on August 2nd, at 7 p.m. when the gangway of the Paul Beau was being lowered.

What did Mr. Becks do?—He jumped from the wharf on to the steamer.

Did he stay on board?—Yes. He stayed on board for about three minutes.

What happened then?—I don't know. I was taken up with my duties after that.

Before the Court adjourned to consider its finding, Mr. Prior addressed the Court, saying:—I ask the Court to consider that Mr. Becks has had his certificate suspended for the past 20 days and that the harm done cannot be undone now. He lost his position 40 days ago and I ask the Court to appreciate that to miss a ship is a very easy thing to do and that it has been done many times before. The finding of this Court previously was a very severe one indeed and I say that Mr. Becks has been over-punished already for his conduct."

The Finding.

After adjourning for half an hour, the Court returned the following verdict:

"We find that at 6.45 p.m. on August 2, 1929, British ship s.s. Kwong Fook Cheong, Official No. 152,106 of Hongkong, of which Mr. William Perritt (Certificate of Competency as Master No. 001, 820 of Glasgow was Master) left Hongkong on voyage to Kiongmoon.

"That Mr. William Claude Cyril Becks, who was on the Articles of the said ship as Chief Officer and who holds Certificate of Competency as 1st Mate (River Trade only) No. 3891 of Hongkong, did miss the ship without sufficient cause, not having previously obtained leave from the Master.

"We find that the aforesaid Mr. W. C. Becks committed an act of gross misconduct and we therefore adjudge that his Certificate of Competency aforesaid be suspended for three months.

"We further adjudge that the suspension of three months should take effect as from the 21st August, 1929."

WATER POLO LEAGUE.

ONLY ONE MATCH PLAYED YESTERDAY EVENING.

Only one match was played yesterday evening in the Water Polo League, this being between the V.R.C. "A" and K.O.S.B. "B".

The other fixture of the evening between the Chinese "A" and Chinese "B" was not played owing to the failure of both teams to put in an appearance.

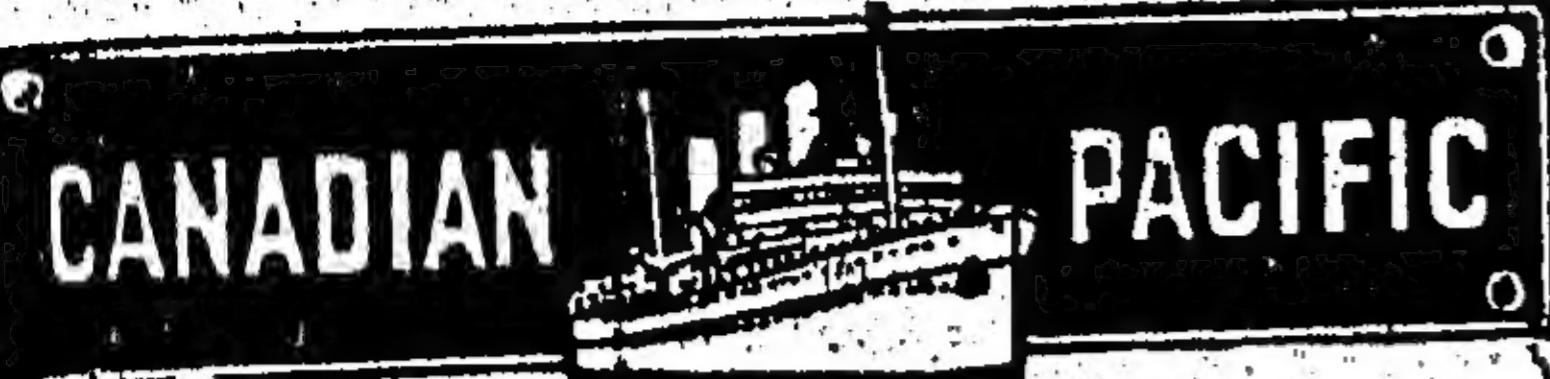
Yesterday's match was between the top and bottom of the League, and V.R.C. "A" were stronger than the military team in every department, scoring five goals without reply in the first half, through Pereira, who was playing a fine game.

Shortly after the resumption, Liang added another point, followed by two from Wei-ji, and a ninth and last came from Soares, making the score 9-0 in favour of V.R.C. "A".

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Kowloon "A"	6	5
V.R.C. "B"	6	4
K.O.S.B. "A"	6	3
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Nov. 27	Nov. 30	Dec. 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 14	
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SERIOUS FIGHTING IN MANCHURIA.
RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN AGAINST BORDER CITIES.

Tokyo, Sept. 10.

The Rengo correspondent at Harbin telegraphs that early this morning six Soviet planes flew over Pogranichnaya and dropped three bombs on the station and two in the street, according to a message from Mullin, forty miles west of Pogranichnaya.

The same report states that the population of Mullin were thrown into consternation by a report that the Soviet planes were flying toward Mullin with the headquarters of the Chinese garrison as their objective.—Reuters.

Damage at Sufienho.

Peking, Sept. 10.

A message from Harbin says it is confirmed that the Sufienho railway station has been destroyed by bombs from Soviet aeroplanes, causing more than thirty casualties.

Thereupon the railway staff decamped rather than be struck.

The Customs staff has also left Sufienho, and at present is staying at Muling.

Four troop trains left Harbin for Sufienho on Sunday to reinforce the Chinese garrison.

Three Chinese were killed and several injured when a train was blown up five kilometres from Sufienho on September 8. The explosion wrecked a locomotive, two passenger cars and one sleeping car.

Japanese residents of Sufienho are very anxious to depart to Harbin, but at present are unable to leave owing to the shortage of rolling stock.—Reuters.

Russian Naval Activity.

Mukden, Sept. 10. An official communiqué says the Pogranichnaya railway, telegraph and radio stations have been destroyed, and forty soldiers and twenty railway employees killed or wounded, mostly by aerial bombs.

The Russian navy is trying to force the mouth of the Sungari. The river mouth has been mined by the Chinese navy.

This morning, Muling, west of Pogranichnaya, was bombed by aeroplanes.—Reuters.

State of Anarchy.

Tokyo, Sept. 10. A Harbin message to the Rengo agency says information from Pogranichnaya is to the effect that complete anarchy prevails at this border town as a result of the recent Soviet air raids and bombardments. The city is infested by robbers.—Reuters.

Soviet Accusation.

Moscow, Sept. 10. The Daily Herald emphatically declares that the report of a split in the Cabinet is untrue.

It understands that the main business of yesterday's Cabinet meeting concerned Irak.—Reuters.

protect the frontier and the peaceful population.

It draws the serious attention of the Nanking and Mukden Governments to the "painful consequences which may take place in case of new provocative attacks by Chinese troops and Russian White Guards."—Reuters.

Drastic steps are being taken to prevent the spread of the disease, and heavy rain, with cooler weather, during the past few days, should bring relief.—Reuters.

AMERICAN MURDER TRIAL.
JUROR BECOMES INSANE.

Charlotte, Sept. 10.

The preliminary trial of three men and a woman on charges connected with the armed robbery on the 26th of last month, at No. 18 Eastern Street, West Point, opened before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon.

The accused are thirteen men and three women, textile workers, who are charged with murder in connexion with the death of Mr. Aderholt, the Chief of Police at Gastonia.

The trouble began when trade unionists from the north came to organise the workers to fight the alleged terrible conditions in the southern mills. The shooting occurred when the police were dispersing a crowd outside the trade union headquarters at Gastonia, on June 7.

The accused pleaded self defence. A new trial has been fixed for September 30.—Reuters.

American Service.

RAID ON EASTERN STREET PREMISES.

The Shing Hing Transportation Company, by pretending they had business to talk over with the proprietor. After a few minutes spent in conversation, they suddenly whipped out knives and revolvers, and proceeded to hold up the inmates of the floor. After having ordered them into a room, the robbers proceeded to search the floor and stole money and other property. In their haste to escape, they overlooked a quantity of Cantonese silver money which they had taken from the safe.

Acting on information, the police, on the following day, raided No. 12, Chung Hing Street, and on the ground floor they arrested the three male prisoners, and seized three fully-loaded revolvers concealed in a bunk. One of them—it was the third prisoner produced the keys of the safe, from which the police took a quantity of silver coins, bearing identical marks and dates as those stamped on the coins left behind on the Shing Hing Company's premises at Eastern Street. The police also recovered an Italian coin, said to be the same as that stolen also from the same premises.

Information extracted from the first and second prisoners led to another police visit to a floor at No. 99, First Street, where the first prisoner was living with the fourth prisoner, who was his wife. Here more 20-cent coins were recovered by the police, as well as the jewellery stolen in the robbery, which was found on the person of the woman.

An identification parade was held, this resulting in the first prisoner being pointed out by the victims of the robbery. Only 40 per cent. results were obtained at the identification in the case of the second prisoner.

The first and second prisoners were charged with actual participation in the affair, the third with possession of arms and with receiving a portion of the stolen property, and the woman with receiving only.

Mr. A. E. Hall appeared for the third prisoner, who is stated to be a fishmonger by trade.

After evidence was taken, bearing out the opening remarks of Inspector Bloor, the hearing was adjourned.

CHOLERA IN JAPAN.

CASES INCREASING DESPITE PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

Tokyo, Sept. 10.

Cholera in western Japan continues to spread, and the cases now total 102, with an increase of three to six cases daily.

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NAVY LEAGUE.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NELSON DAY CONCERT.

Mr. M. G. Marriott has been appointed Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Hongkong branch of the Navy League, in succession to the late Mr. L. M. Whyte.

We understand that the local branch is now busy making arrangements for a Nelson Day concert on October 21st, at which many well-known local artists will appear. The event will take place at the Lee Theatre at 9 p.m., and a most attractive programme is being fixed up. A jolly evening is promised at popular prices. Residents are advised to make a note of the date and keep it open.

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"Condolition" (Tchaikowsky Op. 34).
"The Swing Song" Violin Solo, Fritz Kreisler.
"Introduction and Fugue" (Listz), Organ Solo, Fernando Germani.
"Paginaci-Prologue" (Leoncavallo).
"Baritone, Lawrence Tibbett.
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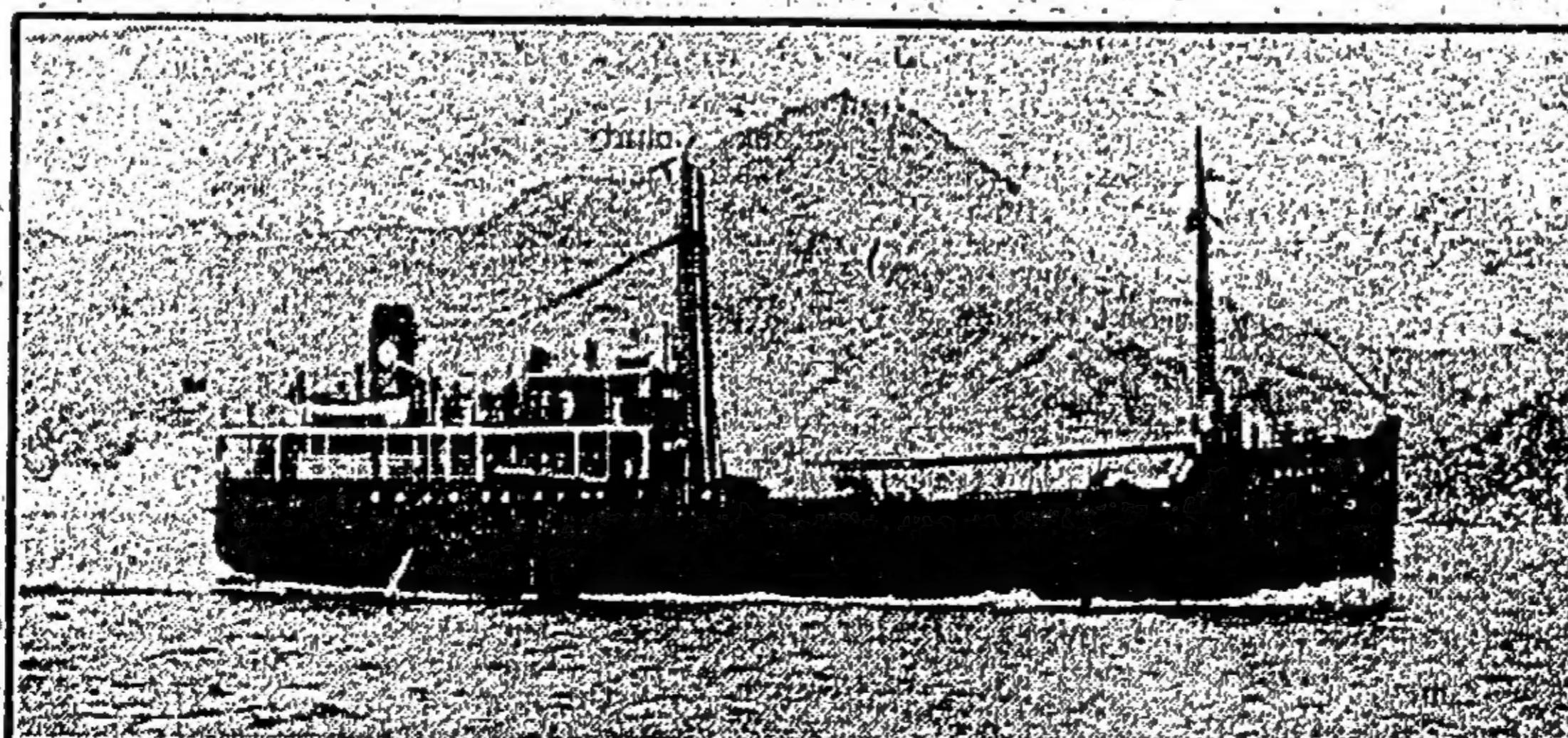
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Hongkong, 9th Sept., 1929.

RADIO BROADCAST.

THE LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 350 metres.

5.30-6.30 p.m. Programme of Chinese Music, (Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. The Sincere Co., Ltd.).

6.45 p.m. Evening weather report.

8 p.m. Evening Programme, (Victor Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co., Ltd.).

"The New Moon," (Romberg).

"Vocal Gems," (Kahn-Donaldson).

"Whoopee," (Vocal Gems).

"Victor Light Opera Company."

"Children's Overture," (Quilter).

"H.M. New Light Symphony Orchestra."

"Trot Here and There," (Vocal Gems).

"The Swing Song," (Vocal Gems).

"Violin Solo, Fritz Kreisler."

"Introduction and Fugue," (Listz).

"Organ Solo, Fernando Germani."

"Paginaci-Prologue," (Leoncavallo).

"Baritone, Lawrence Tibbett."

"Hawaiian Nights," Waltz.

"Aloma," (Bowers).

"Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra."

"La Boheme-Fantasia," (Puccini).

"Victor Symphony Orchestra."

"Serenade," (R. Drigo), Waltz.

"The Flower of Italy," (G. De Stefano).

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10.30 p.m. Close down.

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FRENCH FLIGHT ABANDONED.**MACHINE SOLD TO GOVT. OF MANCHURIA.****NO RUSSIAN PERMIT.**

Canton, Sept. 10. M. Durand, who is agent here for the Ateliers d'Aviation Louis Breguet and also for the aeroplanes H. Potez and the Etablissements Renault, has just received a cable from the French aviator, Captain Arrachart, who passed through Canton in the middle of July on a flight from Paris to the Far East, with Commander Rignot, informing him that they were unable to obtain permits from the Russian authorities to return via Siberia and Russia, and that they therefore sold their aeroplane to the Manchurian Government. Their plane was a Breguet with 550 h.p. Renault engine.

It will be remembered the airmen left Paris on the 24th May and arrived in Canton about the 11th July, having flown by easy stages via India and Indo-China. From Canton they went to Shanghai where they were stopped by the Chinese authorities who wanted to arrest them for carrying one revolver on board without permission. The matter was later arranged and they continued their flight to Nanking and up the Yangtze Valley to Hankow.

They then went through Peking to Tokyo and intended to return to Paris via Siberia. However, after arriving in Mukden they were unable to secure the necessary permits from the Russian authorities and in consequence they have had to abandon their plans for the return flight.

The Manchurian Government bought the plane for about \$80,000. It is said, that the Canton authorities would have liked to purchase this aeroplane but did not do so as the Tai Sha Tau aviation field is not really big enough for such a machine which, when fully loaded with fuel for a long-distance flight, needs over two kilometres to leave the ground.

The two airmen, Captain Arrachart and Commander Rignot, are returning to France via Japan and America.—Our Own Correspondent.

LATEST ST. LEGER PROBABES.**LORD ASTOR CONTENT WITH PENNYCOMEQUICK.****CAVENDO WITHDRAWN**

London, Sept. 10. More than ordinary interest has been excited by the St. Leger, the last of the season's classics, owing to the puzzling position. Hotwood and Trigo are still the warmest supported, but Mr. Jinks, the Derby failure, is strongly fancied to restore his reputation.

It is likely that there will be fourteen starters. Lord Astor's Cavendo was withdrawn from the list of probables to-day, and the probables runners and jockeys are:

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HIGHLAND PRIDE BREAKS UP.**SALVAGE MEN'S NARROW ESCAPE.****BRUCE GOVERNMENT TO DISSOLVE.****GENERAL ELECTION IN AUSTRALIA.**

Canberra, Sept. 10. Following the defeat in the House of Representatives, the Bruce Government has decided to seek a Dissolution. A General Election is likely to take place before October 31st. Reuter.

HUGE WINDFALL FOR STATE.**OVER £2,000,000 IN DEATH DUTIES.****TOBACCO MAGNATE LEAVES NEARLY £5,000,000.****ROMANTIC CAREER.**

London, Sept. 10. The will of the late Mr. Bernhard Baron, tobacco manufacturer, who was noted for his philanthropy, has now been sworn for probate as of gross value of £4,944,220.

Death duties will amount to over £2,000,000 and about £1,000,000 goes to charities.—British Wireless.

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GIRL WHO ROBBED FIANCE.**BOUND OVER IN A SUM OF \$200.****WENT OUT TOO MUCH!**

An order to sign a bond for her personal behaviour for a period of one year was made by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, in the case of a young girl who was charged with stealing from her sister and fiance.

Inspector Phillips mentioned that the sister of the defendant was still vindictive, but intimated that she would leave the case in his Worship's hands.

The girl, in reply to his Worship, said that the defendant supported her mother as she (complainant) was married and had to look after herself. Their father had been dead for some years.

Inspector Phillips suggested that the defendant be bound over.

His Worship asked the defendant's sister if accused had a good character in the past, and was told that in the past two years her reputation had not been good.

Asked why, the complainant said that her sister had been in the habit of going out. She sometimes said that she went to collect her laundry, while other times she gave other excuses.

His Worship:—What's wrong with that?

His Worship:—A woman should not go out so much.

His Worship (to interpreter):—The more she goes out the worse she is!

Interpreter:—Yes.

His Worship:—Well, we don't agree with that.